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Thatcher picks top ministers for Ulster initiative

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

The Prime Minister has established a special Cabinet committee to oversee the negotiations between the British and the Republic of Ireland governments about a new political settlement in Northern Ireland and to formulate proposals to put before the next Anglo-Irish summit.

The group of ministers which has customarily dealt with the province's political structures has been widened to include some of Mrs Margaret Thatcher's most senior and closest colleagues, including Mr Norman Tebbitt, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

The committee has been monitoring the progress of the talks between London and Dublin, mainly at official level but with ministerial backing, which have been going on since last year and the talks with Northern Ireland's political parties, conducted by Mr Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, and his deputy, Mr Chris Patten.

The setting up of the committee, whose members include Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, Lord Whitelaw, Leader of the Lords and former Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, and Mr Hurd, is regarded by Mrs Thatcher's colleagues as further evidence of the seriousness with which she is taking the talks, and her desire to make progress.

Mrs Thatcher, like her ministers, is said to be cautious over the prospects of a successful deal being reached, but her colleagues are in no doubt over her determination to try.

Ministers believe that the most Britain can offer in the negotiations will be some form of consultative structure in which ministers and officials from both governments would discuss the affairs of Northern Ireland. It would be purely consultative, it is emphasized, but could cover areas such as security, the economy, industry and tourism.

While that will be opposed by the Unionists in the north, it will be attacked as inadequate by the opponents of Dr Garret Fitzgerald, the republic's Prime Minister, in the south.

Mr Charles Haughey, the republic's opposition leader, said last mouth: "The Irish Government must not become involved in some vague consultant role in the administration of the six-county area as a substitute for entirely new political and constitutional structures."

Dr Fitzgerald issued a warning last week that if the talks failed there was a risk that society in Northern Ireland could disintegrate.

Even so ministers are cautiously hopeful that firm proposals will go to a summit, which now appears more likely take place in the early autumn than in June or July as had been expected.

By involving her most senior colleagues in the earlier discussions Mrs Thatcher has ensured that any proposals will go to the full Cabinet for approval in an advanced form, and should be quickly endorsed. She and Dr FitzGerald would then set their seal on them at the summit.

Because of past disappointments, there is an obvious reluctance in Whitehall to play up the chances of success. What they describe as persistent leaks from Dublin are blamed by ministers for endangering the progress that has been made since last November's summit and a Sunday newspaper report in March suggesting that a "peace breakthrough" was imminent is said to have been particularly damaging.

Some ministers believe that in the event of the initiative foundering the Government should outline in a published paper its negotiating stance so that the extent of its efforts to reach an agreement with Dublin and the political parties in Northern Ireland will be appreciated.

Mr Hurd recently ruled out any "executive" role for the south in any future political framework for Northern Ireland, but said last week that the Government would be "injecting" some fresh thinking and ideas" into the political situation in Northern Ireland within a few months.



Vindicated: Mrs Sohair Balkandali (left) and Mrs Arcely Cabales, who brought the case with Mrs Nargis Abdulaziz, celebrating the judgement by the European Court yesterday.

Battered islands seek £40m aid

From Michael Hamlyn
Dhaka

The President of Bangladesh, Lieutenant-General Hussain Mohammed Ershad, yesterday said his country would need $50m (about £40m) worth of foreign aid "to get all the people back on their feet again" after the cyclone which has devastated six districts in the south of his country.

"I will call upon all the rich nations of the world to stand by us in this hour of crisis," he said in the course of a visit by Air Force helicopter to some of the stricken areas.

One of his staff at the chief martial law administrator's secretariat, said later that the country had an immediate need for 100 million taka (about £2.5m) for instant reief and to provide food, drinking water and shelter for survivors.

A programme of digging tube-wells on an emergency scale was under way because most fresh water sources available had been polluted by the salt water of the tidal bore, the official said. "We have told the zonal martial law administrators that they can sink as many as they need. We have sufficient supplies in store."

The government said it had already distributed about £300,000 in cash to help survivors find shelter and buy materials. They have distributed more than 175,000 lb of rice and 20,000 lb of wheat, as well as powdered milk and fruit juice supplied by the Red Cross. The government has also distributed tents, tarpaulins and clothing.

According to official figures, nearly 250,000 families have been affected. A total of 16,500 houses have been destroyed totally and 122,800 partly. Growing crops of rice and jute covering 472,859 acres are destroyed.

General Ershad helped to distribute some of the largesse to the people of Manpura, one of the worst affected islands in the path of the cyclone, and in Daulat Khan, on the island of Bhola.

He said later that his government's information was that between 5,000 and 10,000 had died. Official statistics amount to only 1,400 deaths, but officials are counting only bodies actually found and buried; most of the dead will have been swept out to sea, never to be found.

For example, on Urirchar, the island I visited yesterday and the worst affected of all, it is virtually certain that 3,000 people died. The official death toll in the sub-district, which includes the neighbouring island of Sandwip, is only 217. I counted at least another dozen unburied bodies.

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New rules to speed Tamil cases

By George Hill and Michael Horsnell

So many members of the Tamil minority have fled to Britain from Sri Lanka over the last few days that the Government has imposed new procedures to process their cases more quickly, Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, told a deputation of MPs yesterday.

A concession allowing six months' stay for those Tamils who have already been here a month has been withdrawn for more recent entrants, and MPs preparing evidence against a refusal of entry have been asked to do so within 24 hours instead of the period of several weeks normally allowed in such cases.

But Mr Brittan said that influx of Tamils will not be allowed to become a flood. The Government is meanwhile discussing plans to accommodate the increasing number of refugees.

Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Labour MP for Islington North, and leader of yesterday's delegation, said: "The new 24-hour rule is effectively singling out Tamils from other applicants. This is government by subterfuge for MPs and terror for Tamils. The Government has a moral responsibility to ensure that no one is sent back into danger."

At yesterday's meeting, the Home Secretary said that the sudden rise in numbers of Tamils fleeing communal persecution in Sri Lanka meant that if MPs took the normal time to prepare their appeals after the rejection of applicants' claims, many applicants would be forced to spend weeks waiting in overcrowded conditions, with very little chance of having the decision reversed at the end of it. But Mr Brittan made it clear to the MPs that if they found special difficulties in preparing the evidence for a particular case, then the general rule could be relaxed.

"Most people can't even find their MP in 24 hours", said Mr David Nellist, Labour MP for Coventry South-East, a member of yesterday's delegation. "I like to satisfy myself that someone has a good case before I take it up, but that's not easy to do if one has to establish the facts in a phone call through an interpreter with someone who speaks no English."

Later, answering questions about the arrival of more than 1,000 Tamils in the past four weeks, Mr Brittan said: "I do not think we can allow it to become a flood. I do not believe it would be right in all circumstances that that should happen. We have been very tolerant, over a longer period of

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Migration law must change, says court

By Pat Healy, Race Relations Correspondent

The Government accepted last night that it would have to change immigration rules introduced in 1980, after the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg said they amounted to sex discrimination.

But the Home Office made it clear that active consideration would be given to tightening the rules on the entry of wives to Britain, rather than giving wives settled here the right to bring in their husbands.

The judgement, the twelfth, in which a British government has been found to have violated the European Convention on Human Rights, could affect 2,000 couples each year.

Three women, born abroad but lawfully settled in Britain, brought the cases after being refused permission for their foreign husbands to live with them here. Men, whether they are British citizens or not, have the right to bring in their foreign wives.

The court ruled that the difference of treatment between men and women amounted to sex discrimination, which could not be justified by the Government's "unconvincing" arguments about the impact on the domestic labour market at a time of high unemployment.

The Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants, which sponsored the cases, hailed the judgement as a "major victory" and called for swift action to change the rules.

Mr Alf Dubs, Labour MP for Battersea, and his party's spokesman on race and immigration, last night called for all existing applicants to be treated as if the rules had already been changed. Mr Michael Meadowcroft, Liberal MP for Leeds West, urged a review of all cases referred to Mr David Waddington, Minister of State at the Home Office, in the light of the judgement.

But Mr Enoch Powell, Official Ulster Unionist MP for Down South, called for Parliament to insist on debating, and, he trusted, voting against, the renewal of the right of individuals to go to the European Court. He said it was scandalous that it had not been debated since Britain first signed the convention in 1951.

Mr Waddington refused to commit himself on how the Government would act in response to the ruling.

Speaking on the BBC radio programme *The World at One* he said: "The United Kingdom accepts the jurisdiction of the European Court and we will, of course, abide by its decision.

"All that is at issue is what rights should be given not to British citizen women but to women who are not British citizens but who are only settled here," he said.

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American kidnapped in Beirut

From Our Correspondent
Beirut

Mr David Jacobsen, director of the American University Hospital in West Beirut, was kidnapped yesterday by six gunmen as he walked to work.

The administrator, an American, was bundled into a blue van and driven away, he had been taking his normal route to the hospital from the campus where he lives.

To show they meant business, one of the gunmen fired a pistol shot between the legs of a doctor strolling with Mr Jacobsen. The bullet ripped a hole in the doctor's trousers, but he was not hurt.

A witness said Mr Jacobsen, aged 54, who is from Califor-

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nia, told the gunmen in broken Arabic: "Okay, I'll go, I'll go."

He was the third Westerner kidnapped in Muslim West Beirut in the last week. Two Frenchmen, M Michel Seurat, a researcher for a Paris science institute, and M Jean-Paul Kauffman, a journalist, were seized by gunmen on the main road to Beirut's airport last Wednesday. Police said they had no idea who abducted them, or why.

But kidnappings have alarmed the dwindling Western community in West Beirut, the hunting ground for gunmen of various factions who have abducted 17 Americans or Europeans since March last year. Others have been held for a few hours and released,

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Mr Jacobsen: Bundled into van by gunmen.

Pavilion at Oval declared unsafe

By a Staff Reporter

The top tier of the main pavilion at the Oval cricket ground in south-east London is to be closed from today on the recommendation of safety experts from the Greater London Council.

The experts, who last week condemned Lord's cricet ground as a "potential time bomb", found fire and safety hazards at the Oval yesterday.

Surrey County Cricket Club agreed to a temporary closure of the tier, which seats 380 people, until exits can be improved. The pavilion was built in 1890 and is mainly of wood. The GLC said there are too few exits on the third level to allow safe evacuation in an emergency.

The experts also found fault with exit facilities in the covered Vauxhall stand, and with a brick perimeter wall which is leaning.

The eight-man inspection team abjected to the storing of petrol under the Vauxhall stand and the club agreed to end the practice.

Last night Mr Simon Turney, chairman of the GLC's public services committee, described the petrol store, empty at the time of the visit, as an "epic piece of mismanagement".

The inspection comes after public concern about the Bradford City fire disaster. Unlike football stadiums, cricket grounds are not designated for inspection under the Safety of Sports Grounds Act, 1975.

Surrey's club secretary, Mr Ian Scott-Browne, invited the team to go to the ground when he was told they wanted to make an inspection.

He said: "The GLC recommended that a small area of the pavilion should be closed on a temporary basis. It is an area with plastic seating on a wooden structure and the inspectors were not happy with the exits. We cannot start work until we have a written report telling us what should be done, but we intend to follow their recommendations."

Mr David Chambers, the GLC head of entertainment licensing, praised the ground for its responsible attitude to the recommendations.

● The Football Association yesterday defied Mrs Margaret Thatcher by refusing to make clubs totally responsible for the behaviour of their supporters. Clubs will continue to escape punishment if they can prove that they did enough to prevent crowd trouble, or that events were beyond their control.

The FA's annual meeting in London re-wrote the rules covering crowd control, but rejected tougher measures which the Prime Minister supported.

IRA kills teenager who wanted to join police

From Richard Ford, Belfast

A teenage apprentice electrician, who had applied to join the Royal Ulster Constabulary reserve, was shot dead by the Provisional IRA yesterday as he arrived at a technical college for a day release course.

Three terrorists waited in a Belfast city centre car park for Mr Gary Smith, aged 19, from Prestwick Park, north Belfast, who was attending classes for his qualifying examination. They had hijacked a Datsun van from a family, who were held hostage in west Belfast, in preparation for the killing.

Mr Smith, who had not been interviewed for his application to join the RUC reserve, stepped from his car and two gunmen shot him at point-blank range. A car park attendant, locked in his kiosk by the gunmen, watched helplessly.

The gang fled and, although their vehicle was found abandoned within eight minutes of the shooting in the republican Unity Flats area, there was no trace of the terrorists.

Mr Gerry Adams, Provisional Sinn Fein president, refused to condemn the shooting by members of his organization's military wing. He said it was a tragic by-product of the political situation. He reiterated his party's position on Provisional IRA shootings, saying that they had a right to engage in armed resistance.

Life-jail miners to appeal

From Tim Jones
Cardiff

Lawyers representing two South Wales miners intend to appeal against the life sentences imposed upon them for the murder of Mr David Wilkie, the taxi driver who died as he was taking a pit man to work during the coal strike. The grounds of the appeal are not known.

The decision to appeal coincides with accusations by Mr Michael Foot, former leader of the Labour Party, that the trial of the two men was prejudiced by comments made by Mrs Margaret Thatcher immediately after the murder.

Mr Foot also alleged, after talking to lawyers, that Mr Justice Mann may have misdirected the jury during the trial, in which both young men pleaded "not guilty".

The jury decided that Dean Hancock and Russell Shankland, both 21, and both of Rhymney, Mid-Glamorgan, murdered Mr David Wilkie, who died after being hit by a 46-lb concrete block thrown from a road bridge.

Mr Foot said: "Murder means deliberate killing, and like multitudes of others in the valley towns, I do not believe anything of the sort happened."

Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Labour Party, said: "I understand that those convicted are going to appeal, and that is clearly the best course since all the matters involved – the sentencing and the direction of the judge – can best be taken into account."

The trial of the two men has become a *cause célèbre* in South Wales among mine workers and supporters of the Labour Party. Last Sunday, more than 2,000 people marched through Cardiff demanding a reduction in the sentences.

Fizz of discord over champagne crop

By Robin Young

M Pierre Lanson, head of the Lanson champagne house, angered trade colleagues yesterday by suggesting in London that Britain would face rationed supplies and higher champagne prices this year because of damage to the 1985 crop.

M Lanson said that growers had suffered their worst losses in 25 years, and could expect to harvest only two-fifths of a normal crop.

In some best quality areas, he said, more than four-fifths of the buds had been lost to the frosts of February and April and, he claimed, growers were uprooting plants to avoid the costs of cultivating and harvesting a puny crop.

The Champagne Bureau in London, which represents the industry, confirmed that the 1985 crop would be "very poor", but said it was too early for M Lanson to be making what it said were alarmist predictions about the size of the crop.

While it was true that two-fifths of the production area had been affected by frosts, damage varied from extremely heavy in some areas to no worse than moderate.

The champagne houses had more than 600 million bottles in their reserves last year, and with a special reserve of another 100 million bottles held back from the bumper 1982 and 1983 vintages, reserves were equivalent to more than three and a half years' supply, and would "substantially minimize extra costs to consumers".

Another leading champagne house said yesterday from Rheims: "It is too early for M Lanson to be making these alarmist predictions. The vines are not yet flowering and we shall not know until July quite how damaging the frosts will have been."

In London, M Lanson emphasized that he was speaking only of quantity, not quality. "It is still possible that we could have a vintage of very fine quality indeed," he said.

Britain has, temporarily at least, reclaimed its position as the world's leading importer of champagne.

In the first three months of 1985 shipments to the United Kingdom were more than 3.2 million bottles, more than half as much again as in the same period last year.

The figures are believed to have been inflated by foreseen price increases and doubts about the Budget, and are not expected to be maintained for the rest of the year.



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Coal board calls urgent talks on deputies' overtime ban

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

Peace talks aimed at ending the 10-day overtime ban by pit deputies have been arranged at short notice for today.

The initiative to resume negotiations on procedures for colliery closures come from the National Coal Board after a meeting in Scotland between Mr Ian MacGregor, the board chairman, and his area directors.

The move came after a day of mounting tension in the coalfields, with walkouts by the colliery overmen reported at High Moor in Derbyshire, Cresswell in Nottinghamshire, Lea Hall in Staffordshire and Maltby in South Yorkshire.

Those protes strikes stemmed from a variety of causes, ranging from disputed holidays to the refusal of some deputies to observe the overtime ban, but they evidently had the effect of persuading the board to drop its insistence that there could be no talks with Nacods unless the union called off its industrial action.

The two sides are to hold talks at Hobart House, the board's headquarters in London, this evening, and some union sources were last night privately speculating that the board might be under political pressure to end the conflict quickly.

It is an open secret that the board has felt frustrated in its plans to shut 20 pits and make 20,000 men redundant in the wake of the year-long miners strike. Without the agreement of Nacods it cannot implement a new modified colliery review procedure, permitting a "final appeal" to an independent tribunal, but still leaving the final say to the board.

The board is going ahead with area colliery review meetings which have slated five pits for closure, and an overall reduction in manpower of no fewer than 10,000 men, with several more coalfields still facing the announcement of cuts. South Wales will hear its fate next week.

Today's peace talks are designed to clear the ground for a resumption of formal negotiations on the modified colliery review procedure that was due to begin operating by June 1 under the deal between the deputies and the board that averted an all-out strike by Nacods members last October.

● After injuries to 234 police officers in Derbyshire during the miners' strike and 437 cases of intimidation, Derbyshire's acting chief constable, Mr Alan Smith, said yesterday that his officers were now patrolling the mining villages singly and "apparently with the full support of their community" (our Chesterfield Correspondent writes).

Meter may give false alcohol readings

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

Makers of the Lion Intoximeter 3,000 admitted yesterday that the machine can show drivers as having alcohol within the legal limit when in fact they are over it.

But they would be only just over the limit, it was claimed, and very few in number.

The Home Office would not confirm yesterday that Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, would approve the machine for the future after minor modifications, even though the makers, Lion Laboratories, said they could make them.

There was renewed controversy yesterday over suggestions that Mr Brittan would make blood tests a permanent option for all whose breath tests were found to be positive on the machine.

The Automobile Association rejected the belief that motorists later found guilty would have to pay up to £100 for blood tests if they had opted to have them.

"The last thing one wants to do is retrospectively 'fine' motorists for exercising their right to try and prove their innocence," a spokesman said. But the AA is in favour of double checking a breath test by giving blood samples, which is the present position. Everyone above the limit on an Intoximeter has the option of giving a blood sample, until forensic scientists have finished a survey of results.

The belief that the independent inquiry requested by the Government into the Intoximeter would find it satisfactory was encouraged yesterday by a statement from the Royal Society of Chemistry that there is no evidence that motorists are being falsely convicted on the evidence from breath-alcohol measurements. A working party examined a comparison of more that 180 samples of breath tests with blood taken from the same person.

Some motorists register less alcohol in the breath than is actually there because the Intoximeter is designed to compensate for any acetone, which is present in everyone's breath in very small amounts, Dr Paul Williams, Lion Laboratories' marketing director, said.

But with some people there is a higher registration than normal. Diabetics and dieters are among them.

The acetone would register as alcohol unless the Intoximeter adjusted for it. The machine notes it and gives a net alcohol reading. As the machine tends to overread the amount of acetone, it will overcompensate and the net alcohol figure will be lower.

Lion said it could adjust the machine to make it less prone to overcompensation.



Ready for adventure: Sue Brown, (above) cox of the victorious Oxford University Boat Race crew in 1981 and 1982, disclosed yesterday that she will be a member of the university's racing eight which will tackle an arduous 1,000-mile journey down the Amazon this summer.

She took the crew out on the Thames in Oxford for a warm-up yesterday, after the specially built lightweight boat was launched by Señora Laura Irigoyen de Aramburú, the wife of the Peruvian Ambassador.

The 17 members of the expedition led by Richard Burke, aged 23, will take it in turns to row the boat, starting their journey from the ancient city of the Incas. The fibre boat breaks into six sections, and is carried past rapids.

In The boat are (from left) Dominic Barton, Juliette Bird, Simon Evans, John Turner, Mark Adams, Jules Johansen, Jim Ronaldson and Dr Joe Pitt (Photograph: John Manning).

Patent concern for the sick

By Robin Young

British inventors are applying their ingenuity to the battle against illnesses such as cancer, rheumatism and heart disease, are increasingly active in genetic engineering, and are producing increasing numbers of new ideas to assist in the exploitation of oil resources.

The trends are noted in the annual survey of patent applications by the Comptroller-General of Patents, Trade Marks and Designs.

The report also draws attention to the development of aluminium-lithium alloys, which promise to save a tenth in the weight of airframes, for which they are "ideal"; and says that road safety developments included collision prevention systems which use radar to apply the brakes automatically when cars get too close to each other, and anti-skid braking systems to boost braking performance.

Other particular needs arising from recent events, which inventors may have answered, include new ties to replace corroded ones in the cavity walls of old houses; wider television screens, better able to accommodate old films made for wide screen cinemas; methods for preventing computer software piracy; and the use of microchip technology to make amateur photography so simple as to be almost foolproof.

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Legal tangle over Lear Fan

By A Staff Reporter

The British Government is considering its options in the wake of the failure of the Lear Fan aircraft project, with the loss of £57 million of taxpayer's money.

As the Nevada-based company indicated that it saw no justification in demands that some of the cash provided by Britain be repaid, government lawyers were poring over the various agreements signed in the refunding and restructuring operations.

Mr John McAllister, deputy chief executive of the province's Industrial Development Board, and one of the Government's two nominee directors on the Lear Fan board, is still in Reno, where the announcement was made that the firm had ceased trading.

The exotic taste of farm profit

By John Young,
Agriculture Correspondent

Farmers faced with possible further production quotas, price cuts and other discouragements to conventional produce are being urged to turn their attention to specialized foods.

A report by the National Farmers' Union and the Institute of Grocery Distribution points out that while most of the food industry is faced with static or declining consumption, the market for delicatessen products, health foods and "exotic" items is booming.

Although many of them, such as tropical fruits and vegetables, cannot be produced here, there is considerable scope for import substitution, the report says.

It instances speciality cheeses, goat and sheep milk.

Ex-addicts visited by Thatcher

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, who is preparing new legislation on drug abuse for the next session of Parliament, yesterday met young former heroin addicts who are trying to stay off the drug.

She visited Suffolk House, a rehabilitation centre run by the charity Turning Point at Iver Heath, Buckinghamshire.

After a visit which was scheduled to last one hour, but stretched to two, Mrs Thatcher said she was "full of hope and admiration" for the staff of the centre and for the former addicts she met.

The Prime Minister spoke to youngsters who were trapped by the drug habit at school, including a former resident who now helps to run the centre

All the residents use only first names and one of them, "Alan", told her: "Three years ago, I was sitting in Pentonville prison contemplating suicide and now I am standing here talking to you about these experiences behind me".

Mrs Thatcher, who had driven from nearby Chequers, was shown round the house by a former resident, "Colin", 30, who now helps to run it.

Later she spoke to other residents in the gardens which are kept by the reformed addicts.

Afterwards, she said: "They all told me we should run more educative films and programmes. But straight away they also say, don't let the message come from anyone in authority because the youngsters won't take it.

"Or it could be someone the young would idolize in the sports world or the pop world. They would take it from them because they respect them, worship them in some ways."

Regional TV guides 'if monopoly ends'

Provincial newspaper publishers are drawing up plans to bring out regional radio and television guide supplements if the BBC and independent televison copyright monopoly on weekly programme details is broken this summer.

The Monopolies and Mergers Commission is due to report to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry in July on the strict control exercised by the BBC and independent television over programme information.

The Office of Fair Trading called on the commission to consider whether the BBC, publishers of the *Radio Times*, and Independent Television Publications, publishers of *TV Times*, were anti-competitors and operating against the public interest.

The Post & Mail company in Birmingham has drawn up detailed plans for a regional entertainment supplement giving exhaustive listings for local television, radio and even cable media services if the commission finds against the BBC and independent television.

Mr Ian Colledge, managing director of the Post & Mail, said yesterday: "Our aim would be to produce a comprehensive West Midland guide, with strong local features, which would be distributed free, as an extra supplement with our paid-for papers."

Mr Peter Buist said his group of one morning, 10 evening, and 34 paid-for weekly papers, was also studying the possibility of producing programme supplements.

Marine foils arsonist

Marine Brian Palmer, aged 32, a veteran of the Falklands conflict, was in hospital suffering from severe burns after saving a church from being destroyed by an arsonist.

Marine Palmer saw the west doors of St Peter's Church, in Wyndham Square, Plymouth, ablaze, and while trying to put out the fire, dragged clear a five-gallon petrol can. It burst into flames however, and he was badly burnt on the arms and legs.

The Police intend to recommend him for a bravery award. The Rev Samuel Philpott, Vicar of St Peter's, said yesterday: "He saved my church, but unfortunately got badly burned in the process.

The Police are trying to trace a swarthy man of about 50, about 5ft 10in tall, with a squint.

Milk output falls by 9%

By Our Agriculture Correspondent

As British dairy farmers learn their EEC milk quota allocations for 1985-86, the Milk Marketing Board has disclosed that in England and Wales producers are continuing to fall well short of national production targets.

Last year tribunals heard thousands of appeals from farmers against their allocations, but total production slumped by nearly 9 per cent compared with the 6.3 per cent cut stipulated by the European Commission.

As a result, farmers who ignored quotas and continued to produce at or above 1983-84 levels enjoyed an unexpectedly prosperous year, relieved of any obligation to pay the threatened penal levy.

Last month, according to the board, production fell by a further 5.3 per cent compared with April 1984.

While British farmers have suffered more than they need have, countries such as The Netherlands and West Germany are estimated to have hit their target figures almost exactly and since demand is still declining, the "mountains" of butter, cheese and skimmed milk powder continue to grow.

Boy's body found on beach

A body found on a beach yesterday is thought to be one of the four schoolboys swept from a rock at Land's End on May 6. It was found by a man walking near Cape Cornwall, four miles north of Land's End.

A post-mortem examination is to be carried out today. The police hope it will be possible to obtain a positive identification.

Liver girl 'stable'

Emma Dunn, aged two, of Billingham, Cleveland, was in a stable condition yesterday at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, after a liver transplant operation.

Fraud inquiry

Fraud squad officers have been called in to investigate six-figure losses at the Cheltenham headquarters of Eagle Star, the insurance company. A company spokesman said yesterday that it was too early to put an exact figure on the cash deficiency but it was a sizeable amount."

The Times overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 29; Belgium B frs 60; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 170; Cyprus 70 cents; Denmark Dkr 9.00; Finland Mkk 9.00; France Frs 8.00; Germany DM 3.50; Greece Dr 120; Holland Gl 3.50; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2400; Luxembourg Lf 50; Madeira Esc 125; Morocco Dir 9.00; Norway Kr 9.00; Pakistan Rps 18; Portugal Esc 180; Singapore $6.50; Spain Pes 170; Sweden Skr 9.00; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Tunisia Din 80.00; USA $1.75; Yugoslavia Din 360

TriStar inquiry may take a month

By Tony Samstag

An inquiry into why a TriStar jet with 416 passengers and crew overshot its runway at Leeds-Bradford airport on Monday, may take at least four weeks to complete, an airport spokesman said yesterday.

British Airways refused to comment on the incident, other than to say that engineers were preparing the aircraft for removal today.

Runway 14, which was extended last year to take larger aircraft such as the TriStar and 747, was operating yesterday but was restricted to smaller aircraft. Airport officials, responding to suggestions that the aircraft might have skidded, said that although there had been a heavy shower a few minutes before the landing on Monday, the runway was not excessively wet.

Its stopping length of just over 5,900ft, which allows for the so-called "sterile" or non-tarmac area that pilots discount in calculating stopping length, is adequate for a fully loaded TriStar. Flight KT101 from Palma would have been far from "fully loaded", a rigorous definition that assumes far more fuel than would normally be carried and is based on take-off weight, before fuel required for the journey has been used.

Aside from its relatively short length, Runway 14 is slightly unusual in that the glide slope recommended by the international technical manual used by pilots is 3.5 degrees, half a degree steeper than normal, because of high ground to the north-west of the airport. The runway itself also slopes 3 degrees downward.

Last year, *Flight* magazine recorded 15 over-run incidents worldwide, none of them fatal.

Auction of Hobbs's record bat

By Marcus Williams

An instrument of cricket history will be auctioned in London today. The bat with which one of the game's legendary figures, Jack Hobbs, passed the record aggregate of another, W. G. Grace, in August, 1930, is estimated to realize £100 to £150 at Phillips' sale room but competition from some fervent collectors may push the price higher.

Hobbs is pictured with the bat he used in an innings of 40 when he scored the run which took him past Grace's record. The bat is inscribed "I used this bat in the Surrey v Middlesex match at Kennington Oval on August 9th, 1930, when I passed W. G. Grace's aggregate record of 54,896", and signed by Hobbs.

Hobbs, who had broken Grace's record of 125 centuries in 1925, described the run aggregate in his autobiography as "one more of the great doctor's records which I had latterly become very keen to overtake".

The bat is also inscribed "To my loyal friend W Peaton, with every good wish", and signed.

The basic form of the cricket bat, with a cane handle sprung with rubber spliced to a willow blade, has changed little since Hobbs's day, indeed since Grace's day a century ago by which time the curved, club-



like weapons of former times were but a memory.

The player of the 1930s would today notice some modern innovations, such as scooped backs, or no shoulders to lessen the "edge" from which a catch may be given; but he would be struck most by the difference in price for a top-grade bat, £2.25 in 1930, £78 in 1985 and by the weight: Two and a quarter pounds used to be the norm, now bats of more than 3 pounds are in vogue among leading players.

Wives celebrate ruling on sex discrimination

By Pat Healy, Race Relations Correspondent

Three women were last night celebrating a European Court of Humnan Rights ruling that the British Government was guilty of sex discrimination in denying their right to have their foreign husbands living with them.

The decision will mean changes to immigration rules which were introduced in 1980 despite warnings that they would breach the European Convention on Human Rights. Those rules barred foreign husbands from joining their wives in Britain unless the women had British citizenship and were either born here or had a parent born here.

The three women, Mrs Nargis Abdulaziz, Mrs Sohair Balkandali and Mrs Arcely Cabales, born in Malawi, Egypt and the Philippines respectively, have had to wait more than three years for the decision. Mrs Cabales has been separated from her husband by the rules for more than four years, but the husbands of the other two women remained in Britain under threat of deportation while the case continued.

By the time yesterday's judgement was delivered in Strasbourg, all three women had been granted British citizenship and thus became entitled to have their husbands living with them under amended immigration rules introduced in 1983.

Men settled in Britain are entitled to bring in their foreign wives, irrespective of their own citizenship. It was that difference in treatment which fell foul of the convention.

Judge Gerard Wiarda, president of the European court, giving judgement yesterday, said that there would have to be "very weighty reasons" for that kind of sex discrimination to be regarded as compatible with the human rights convention.

Ms Fiona Mactaggart, general secretary of the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants, which sponsored the cases, said yesterday that the Government could not tighten the rules by making it more difficult for wives to enter Britain, instead of easing the restrictions on husbands, without breaking promises given by successive Home Secretaries. Nor could it restrict entry of wives of non-British citizens without changing the main Immigration Act.

But there were signs last night that the Government was considering tightening the rules on wives, and the Home Office said present cases would be considered under the existing immigration rules.

The Government was found not guilty on two counts: The European court cleared it of racial discrimination in the rules, and also found it not guilty of violating the right to family life, taken as a separate article of the convention. The Government was ordered to pay the costs, estimated at £70,000.

Benefit rules may cut Irish immigration

By Richard Ford

New regulations aimed at reducing the cost of board and lodging supplementary benefits are expected to curb Irish emigration to Britain.

Changes were introduced last month and are likely to lead more young people to remain at home

Social workers believe the regulations will affect thousands of Irish young people seeking work on the mainland. In Greater London they will have only eight weeks before bed and breakfast benefit paid at £70 a week is cut to £23.10.

The Rev Robert Gilmore of the Irish chaplaincy centre in Britain, said: "It will make youngsters think twice before coming to Britain without a job and is certain to affect the pattern of emigration.

"But it might lead to a lot of aimless drifting by people and that is why we want them to be prepared when they arrive in London to have a skill, money and accommodation. Too many still think the streets of London are paved with gold. They are not."

	N Ireland Ir £	Republic Ir £
Contributary unemployment benefit (single)	34.05	37.25
Married couple	55.07	61.40
Supplementary assistance (single)	33.58	29.95

£1=Ir£1.2

Despite warnings from Roman Catholic clergy, thousands of young Irish men and women, frequently unskilled and under 25, are likely to travel to London in the hope of employment.

On arrival in the capital from the Irish Republic, an unemployed single person under the age of 26 can get supplemenatry benefit of £28.05 a week plus the £70 a week boarding and lodging allowance.

Under new regulations this £70 will be paid for only eight weeks, which is considered long enough for someone to look for a job. Then it will be reduced to £3.30 a night.

Smaller payments are made outside London and will be reduced after four weeks in smaller cities and two weeks in seaside towns.

The Government's aim is to cut the cost of the benefit and the number of people receiving it. In 1979, 41,000 people obtained board and lodging benefit costing £52 million, compared with 139,000 costing £380 million last year.

In the Irish Republic a single person in a similar situation would be much worse off. Many benefits are not paid until someone is aged 18

An unemployed person who has never worked gets £23.81 in the Irish Republic, and under supplentary assistance, which is at the discretion of local boards, receives other benefits which include the State paying 90 per cent of housing costs.

However, most single people would be accommodated only in hostels in shorrt-term emergencies, such as weekends or when people arrive on health board doorsteps with nowhere to stay.

Other payments are discretionary and officials admit that British benefits are much more generous.

Allowances towards rent are, according to one official, as low as Ir£5 a week. Heating allowances are made only to people with special needs, and not the able-bodied, and assistance with electricity charges is only made when supplies are about to be cut off.

Irish officials admit the supplementary benefits in Britain are higher than those in the republic. But they say youngsters travel to Britain for employment, not for the social security benefits.

Northern Ireland benefit rates are the same as the rest of the United Kingdom, although the bed and breakfast allowances in greater Belfast is £60 a week and outside the province's capital it varies between £50 and £60. In the province a residential qualification is required before supplementary benefit can be obtained.

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Conservative enthusiasm for plan to lower school-leaving age to 14

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

The controversial proposal to reduce the age at which children leave school to 14 and allow many of them to have work experience or training instead is meeting with an enthusiastic response in the Conservative Party.

Not only has Lord Young, Minister without Portfolio and the Government's enthusiast for youth training, shown sympathy, but Mr Roger Sims, Conservative MP for Chislehurst and a member of the Commons Select Committee on Education, says he favours the idea, and has always done so.

"I would have thought it is certainly a starter", Mr Sims said. "I would certainly think from the Government's point of view that it is worth looking at."

The proposal before the annual conference of the National Association of Head Teachers in Scarborough, to be debated either today or tomorrow, is for the school – leaving age either to be raised to 18 or reduced to 14.

It will be moved by Mr John Swallow, former president of the association and head of Ongar Comprehensive School in Essex, who is alarmed by the publicity which has already been given to his, as yet undeveloped, ideas on the subject.

The thinking behind his idea, which is shared by most head teachers, is that the present provision for youth training and technical and vocational education in schools is messy and lacking in coherence because it is administered by different government departments and covers a minority of young people.

Moreover, the schooling of those aged 14 to 16 is restricted by school regulations which mean that this age group has to be taught on school premises by teachers with appropriate qualifications. "A lot of other people have a lot to offer young people so we have got to be less hung-up on insisting on the right qualifications," Mr Swallow said.

"I want to open the thing up and open up the structures. I don't mind about whether the young people go to school or college from 14 to 18. We want more flexibility."

While he emphasized yesterday that he was not talking about a way to remove disruptive children from school, Mr Swallow added that he was talking about a way to motivate pupils.

"I send all my youngsters out for three weeks of work experience and the motivation they come back with is a joy to behold", he said. "It changes the nature of the work they do in school.

"We want a mix of young people working in school, college, training place and workplace. All need to be put together."

While other teachers' associations and individual heads showed sympathy for the thinking behind the idea, there was concern about the idea of children leaving school at 14.

Teachers' union cancels 'worthless' council deals

Some of the statements signed by local authorities, avoiding school strikes by backing the teachers' pay claim, are not worth the paper they are written on, the second biggest teachers' union said yesterday.

The National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers has decided to call off its no-strike deals with Buckinghamshire, Essex, Kent and North Yorkshire.

The union, which has 127,000 members, had agreed not to strike in those counties after they had signed statements backing the teachers and agreeing that they should receive substantially more money.

Mr Nigel de Gruchy, deputy general secretary, has discovered, however, that those authorities voted against a motion sympathetic to the teachers at an executive meeting of the Association of County Councils last month.

"This is double dealing on their part", Mr de Gruchy said. "There is no reason why we should make any exemptions in the strike action."

His discovery comes from leaked minutes of a county councils meeting on April 24. They show 45 authorities voting against a proposal that they should approach their MPs to put pressure on the Government to release more money for teachers' pay this year.

Heads urged to get tough

Head teachers will be urged today to back action in the teachers' pay dispute which will lead to more lunchtime school closures and pupils being sent home.

The annual conference of the 21,000-member National Association of Head Teachers in Scarborough will be called upon to support an emergency motion by the executive, warning of a further reduction in the present level of education unless there is a speedy settlement of the dispute.

The motion attacks what it terms the "insensitivity" displayed by Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education, over teachers' pay.

● A total of 140,000 children in Scottish primary schools will be affected this week as 7,000 teachers stage walkouts of between one and three days, the Educational Institute of Scotland, the biggest Scottish teacher union said yesterday.



Linda King looking at "Girl on a Swing", by Sydney Harpley, at the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition yesterday (Photograph: Bill Warhurst).

Something for everyone at RA

By Rupert Morris

It may not be quite the Tate or the National Gallery, but the Royal Academy's Summer Exhibition, opening this week, is one of the few displays of contemporary art which can truthfully claim to offer something for everyone.

Members of Mr Francis Pym's Centre Forward group, or other less than fervent supporters of the Prime Minister can chuckle at Ruskin Spear's painting of Mrs Margaret Thatcher in "Welcome to Kuala Lumpur", in which her teeth figure rather more prominently than Saatchi & Saatchi might like.

Mr Roger de Grey, President of the Royal Academy, preferred yesterday to draw attention to Mr Spear's excellent portrait of Francis Bacon, the painter whose works are showing at the Tate.

In what he described as "a strong, powerful exhibition", Mr de Grey picked out Carel Weight's "Day of Doom", an impressive painting of terrified people leaning out of windows or fleeing from approaching fire, which won the £3,000 Charles Wollaston Award for the most distinguished work in the exhibition; "Where the Railroad Leaves the Sea", by the recently elected academician RB Kitaj; and Daniel Mafe's "Inhabitant", a fiercely modernistic work.

The lay visitor will be just as likely to enjoy Sydney Harpley's sculpture, "Girl on a Swing",

The exhibition, which is the 217th consecutive summer show at the Royal Academy, comprises 1,172 works, whittled down from 15,006 entries from 5,763 artists. It opens to the public on Saturday.

Researchers check effect of stress on oil rig crews

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

The mental stress of working on North Sea oil platforms is to be investigated by a team of researchers.

Workers on a number of British and Dutch rigs will be questioned about how they cope with the risks of the job, the hostile environment and the separation from their families.

The research is to be carried out by the Department of Management Sciences at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology.

The department's head, Professor Cary Cooper, said yesterday: "We are trying to find out what problems these men face in their unique working conditions, when they are obliged to work and live closely with other people for extended periods."

Low morale, fatigue and discomfort lead to apathy and carelessness, which may cause accidents on the rigs, according to a new book, *The Offshore Health Handbook*, published this week.

"For some, offshore work is not acceptable because it disrupts social and family life", according to the authors, Professor Nelson Norman and Mr John Brebner, the director and assistant director of the Centre for Offshore Health at Robert Gordon's Institute of Technology, Aberdeen.

"The combination of isolation and the almost overwhelming burden of constant company is also a problem," they add.

Overcrowded living accommodation on the platforms may mean that the same bunk is used for two men on different shifts. Overcrowding may also lead to obesity and lack of fitness, the authors claim.

Difficulties in maintaining personal hygiene can lead to minor ailments

The Offshore Health Handbook (Martin Dunitz, London, £15.00).

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Sinclair must find cash for creditor

By Bill Johnstone
Technology Correspondent

Sinclair Research, the British home computer company currently in financial difficulties, must raise millions of pounds in the next four weeks to pay one of its principal creditors, the electronics giant Thorn EMI.

Thorn EMI, which makes computers for Sinclair, has already made it clear that it does not want a share in the computer company in exchange of the debt. Thorn EMI has extended the credit of Sinclair Research for two months, after which it will be looking for a substantial payment to reduce the debt.

The size of Sinclair Research debt is unclear, but its other principal supplier, Timex, has also had to extend credit to the computer group. Between them the two manufacturers are believed to be owed about £10 million. Sinclair also has an overdraft of £5 million.

Yesterday Sinclair Research confirmed that it was attempting to raise between £10 million and £15 million in exchange for an equity stake in the company. Sir Clive Sinclair, has denied that he needs the money to pay debt. He says that it is required to fund long-term growth and restructuring plans. A new chief executive, probably selected by the new investors, would be appointed as part of that deal and Sir Clive would remain as the chairman of the group.

A statement issued by the company said: "Sir Clive has been seeking a new chief executive officer for the company, a post which he has held to date. This appointment would form part of the company restructuring which began in March with the creation of two operating divisions, the computing division, and the television and communications division, each with its own managing director."

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Legion doubt on war 'cowards'

By Patricia Clough

The Royal British Legion is at the centre of a controversy after its conference called for pardons for soldiers convicted of cowardice in the First World War.

The legions national executive council, which opposed the resolution, has doubts about its advisability and is deliberating what to do. "The whole question is wide open", Major Robert Tomlins, the general secretary, said yesterday.

On Monday the legion's conference in Brighton passed a resolution requesting the council to urge the Government to reopen cases in which soldiers had been found guilty of cowardice "in the light of modern medical evidence". More than 500 of the soldiers were shot and buried separately from their comrades.

The resolution was prompted by advances in psychiatry which indicate that what was once regarded as shameful cowardice was often mental crackup under intolerable pressure. The Ministry of Defence said yesterday that as a rule soldiers are unlikely to be treated that way nowadays. "Attitudes have moved on," it said.

The council's main objection to the move, Major Tomlins said, was the distress that it would cause the families of the men concerned. "These are likely to be sons and daughters, now elderly people themselves. There would be grandchildren and great grandchildren who may not even know about the sad events. Why should anyone force their attention upon them?"

It was to be presumed, he said, that there are still soldiers alive who were convicted of cowardice but not executed.

It was a "well-established principle that cases settled under the law as it stood at the time have to be accepted as part of history, however compassionate one might be."

Besides, many of the records, especially those concerning soldiers who were dead, had been destroyed so it would be impossible to open them all.

The ministry spokesman said if the council did pass on the request it would need to be examined by the Secretary of State.

Drugs trial hears of men at sea

A group of men accused of smuggling cannabis paid £50,000 – £16,500 in cash for a motor boat later raided by customs officers, but appeared ignorant of the sea and boats, a court was told yesterday.

Mr Anthony Dalton, a farmer and hotelier, of Ardachy, Connel, Argyll, told Edinburgh High Court that he put the boat up for sale in 1983.

A former skipper, Trevor Keen, introduced prospective buyers, Terence and Nicholas Kelley from Liverpool.

Neither of them seemed to have any knowledge of the sea

A police photographer, Mr Ewart Orr told the court that he took photographs of 76 bags containing a "dry substance" on board the St Just on February 5.

Eight men are accused of smuggling canabis into the United Kingdom on board the St Just at Isle of Seil near Oban on February 3. They are Roderick Macneil, aged 55, of Seil Island, Argyll: Trevor Keen, aged 58, of Laurel Road, North Connell, Argyll: Terence Kelley, aged 41, of Edge Lane, Liverpool: Alan Kelly, aged 35, of no fixed abode: David Noon, aged 35, of Marmion Avenue, Liverpool: Nicholas Kelley, aged 34, of Sandbrook Lane, Moreton, Liverpool: Michael Kelley, aged 40, of Bramley Avenue, Liverpool: and Christopher Socratous, aged 39, of Cooper Avenue, Liverpool. The eight deny that charge and an alternative charge of being concerned in smuggling cannabis seized by Customs and Excise officers on February 4. Mr Macneil, Mr Keen, Mr Terence Kelley and Mr Alan Kelly further deny having cannabis in their possession with intent to supply it.

The trial continues today.

Silver disc for choirboy in 'Holy Land' album

Aled Jones (right), the 14-year-old boy treble who features on the BBC recording *Voices from the Holy Land*, with the silver disc he received yesterday for the surprise hit of the year, which reached number eight in the album charts.

An initial cutting of only 1,000 records was made, but after two weeks the album was in the charts and has now sold more than 600,000 copies.

The boy, from Anglesey in Wales, received the silver disc from Mr Bryan Parkin, BBC Enterprises managing director.

There have, of course, been boy treble in the pop charts before – most recently Paul Miles-Kingston, and six years ago Paul Phoenix, with *Nunc Dimittis*.

His success, however, came out of the blue. Aled Jones attends a comprehensive school at Menai and used to be a member of the Bangor Cathedral choir. He had made one or two recordings for a local company and had won several youth competitions, but had never dreamed of success in the pop charts.

He is usually called upon to sing classical music, but says he prefers pop. His favourite group is U2.

Today the boy will be recording the treble part in Handel's *Athalia* with Dame Joan Sutherland.

He knows that, any day, his treble singing career could be over.

"Somebody told me last night my voice was weakening," he said. "But I am not worried about it."

Photograph: John Voos

Figures 'support' drug list

By Our
Science Correspondent

Doctors are giving more consideration to whether patients really need certain drugs, the Department of Health and Social Security said yesterday.

A survey showing a substantial fall in prescriptions for drugs such as tranquillizers, cold remedies and antacids was being seen by the department as supporting its limited list, introduced on April 1.

A fall of 25 per cent in the seven therapeutic classes covered by the list has been recorded in a survey published earlier this week by AGB Research.

The DHSS is carrying out its own survey on the list's impact, but the figures will not be ready for several months.

The list is intended to save the National Health Service £75 million a year by banning more than 2,000 drugs from NHS prescriptions.

"If the survey figures are accurate they are a welcome indication of the wisdom of the policy of producing a selected list", a DHSS spokesman said. "Doctors now appear to be giving greater consideration to whether their patients really need drugs or not."

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Housing grants review adds to disquiet on Tory backbenches

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

A new irritant has emerged in the running mid-term quarrel between Conservative MPs and the Government.

Tory backbenchers have begun to ask angry questions about the real purpose of the Government's review of housing improvement policy, outlined in its recent Green Paper.

Study of the document, and private sounding of ministers, has persuaded them that the existing system of improvements has been suspended indefinitely: that there is no Cabinet agreement on what to put in its place, or when; and that the proposed new system would exclude from help more than half the householders who have until now been eligible.

Many MPs have only now begun to realize the severity of the cuts proposed, or, as some complain, concealed, in the Green Paper. "It is now clear that the document has nothing to do with house improvement at all, but everything to do with expenditure savings", one Tory MP said yesterday.

Ministers admit privately that their intention is to reduce to about £250 million a year the cost of improvement grants. Grants reached a peak of £1,013 million in 1983-84, because of a boost arranged before the 1983 general election, but are now running at little more than half that level.

The paper, *Home Improvement – A New Approach*, says that discretionary grants, which last year accounted for more than 95 per cent of payments, are to be stopped and replaced by loans. Mandatory grants, which for the first time will be subject to a means test, will be confined to the poorest householders, those who would qualify for housing benefit, in unfit housing.

In many parts of England and Wales householders whose applications have been held up for months or years by government limits on council spending have now been told that they may never be paid. Tory MPs fear a sharp increase in the number of complaints they receive from people languishing in the queue.

The Green Paper promises that the new system will not affect applications lodged before last April 1; but ministers have not said what will happen to anyone whose papers were completed, but not processed by town halls, before the deadline.

Conservatives are particularly concerned that the proposed changes may alienate a disproportionate number of government supporters among those who invested in houses which would have qualified for grant under the rateable-value criteria now abandoned.

One backbench Tory, Mr Michael Latham, MP for Rutland and Melton, recalled yesterday that the Green Paper had spoken of giving "appropriate help" to people. "It is clear that for most people 'appropriate help' in future is to be nothing", he said.

The proposed cuts have also belatedly aroused another keen anxiety expressed by members of Mr Francis Pym's pressure group, Conservative Centre Forward.

Their most popular prescription for stimulating employment, frequently urged on ministers, is help for the building industry through increased government spending on construction. They are alarmed that the Green Paper proposals can only depress the industry further.

Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, and Mr Ian Gow, Minister for Housing will come under pressure to think again.

The proposals have already set ministers at odds. Publication of the Green Paper was delayed for nearly a year by argument between Mr Gow and Treasury ministers who pressed at one time for improvement grants to be stopped entirely.

The Treasury team was pushed back from that, but it is clear that for the moment it still holds the high ground.



Glittering prize: One of the lots being shown to bidders (Photographs: Dod Miller).

Farm gold fetches £67,856

Mr Simon Drake, aged 29, a farmer who found 100 medieval gold coins as he ploughed a field at his farm at Pulham, Dorset, walked out of Christie's auction rooms in London yesterday, £67,856 richer.

The hoard had been expected to fetch £50,000.

Mr Drake used a metal detector to locate the coins after the plough revealed a gleam of metal. A treasure trove inquest later ruled that he could keep them.

Ninety-five of the coins, 23 ounces of virtually pure gold, were sold yesterday. One lot was a 1420 quarter-noble valued at between £240 and £280. It fetched £1,150.

The coins, some of which date from the reign of Edward III, included several never previously recorded.

Many lots in the collection were bought by an anonymous private collector from the home counties, Christie's said later.

Many of the coins are nobles, the old gold 6s 8d or one third of a pound. Historians say the coins, minted between 1354 and 1460, were probably buried by a nobleman worried that his property might be seized.

Christie's said there was no way of being sure of who buried the hoard or why. Mr Drake unearthed them in May 1983 when he was preparing to sow barley, a variety appropriately named Golden Promise.

He has given four of the coins on loan to the Dorset county museum in Dorchester and has kept one "as a souvenir



Reaping reward: Mr Drake yesterday

15m a year Stansted passengers demanded

Michael Baily
Transport Editor

The Government will face accusations of fudging London's airports problem once again if it limits expansion at Stansted to between 5 million and 7 million passengers a year, a group representing 20 local authorities in the London area said yesterday.

The authorities want an unequivocal declaration of expansion at Stansted to 15 million passengers a year by 1990, in line with last year's public inquiry report.

"Stansted is the only feasible place for development to meet the needs of the South-east", Mr Douglas Robinson of Surrey County Council, spokesman for the group, said at a Press conference in London.

The group has been set up largely to counter the powerful voice of northern airports which have mustered strong support in the Commons against development at Stansted.

In his announcement next month Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport, is expected to recommend development at Stansted, Heathrow and regional airports. Mr Robinson said: "Expansion to 5 million-7 million at Stansted is not enough. If that is what the Government decide they will be accused of fudging the issue once again."

Speaking for Buckinghamshire, Berkshire, Hampshire, Surrey, Kent, East and West Sussex, and other smaller authorities, the group claims to represent 7 million-8 million people against 2 million-3 million in Hertfordshire and Essex who are opposed to development at Stanstead.

● Immediate action to remove the Perry Oaks sewage works and pave the way for a fifth terminal at Heathrow together with some expansion at Stansted was urged by the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry in a submission to Mr Ridley yesterday.

Rider killed in fall is named

Miss Deborah Baldwin, aged 27, was yesterday named as the woman who died after being thrown from a horse in Windsor Great Park on Sunday.

Miss Baldwin, of Wood Close, Windsor, died after asking a trooper in the Life Guards if she could ride a horse he was exercising in woodland. She was thrown and suffered head and internal injuries.

The Ministry of Defence said the horse was privately owned by a member of the Army. The Army said it was co-operating with the police. It was too early to say if any action would be taken.

Miss Baldwin was a passenger sales executive with British Airways. She had been living with her parents in New Zealand until January, when she moved to England.

Miss Baldwin's parents were flying from New Zealand last night to make arrangements for her funeral. The body was identified by her sister, Yvonne aged 26.

Insp Mike Weller, of Windsor police, said that the sister got in touch with the police on Monday when she realized something must have happened to Miss Baldwin because she had not returned home for three days.

Ash filter to cut nuclear waste

British Nuclear Fuels is bringing into use a £100 million filter at the Sellafield reprocessing plant in Cumbria, to reduce the discharge of radioactive waste by pasing waste liquids through volcanic ash.

The process, called Site Ion Exchange Effluent Plant, is expected to be fully operatonal by the end of the week.

Unions return

Members of the Transport and General and Engineering Workers' unions at the General Electric plant in Liverpool returned to work yesterday after the management withdrew summonses for alleged breach of 1984 trade union legislation.

CND arrests

Sixteen members of Christian CND were arrested yesterday after chaining themselves to the gates of the Royal Navy headquarters at Northwood, Middlesex, in protest against Polaris missiles.

Helping disabled people: 3

Battle continues to halt discrimination

In the third and final article to mark the fifteenth anniversary of the passing of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act, RICHARD DOWDEN examines possible future legislation on disability.

Should there be a law forbidding discrimination against disabled people? Most organizations concerned with disability agree that there should and certain groups of disabled people are campaigning extremely aggressively for legislation.

There have been attempts in Parliament to introduce such legislation but the Government says there is insufficient evidence of discrimination and does not support the move.

At one level discrimination against disabled people is straightforward. People in wheelchairs are often banned from public houses and restaurants. There are statistics to show that disabled people find it twice as difficult to get a job.

But cases of indirect discrimination prove more difficult. When the City of London held a memorial service for servicemen who died in the Falklands conflict, disabled servicemen were asked not to come because they would be a "security risk". In other cases blind people with guide dogs are turned away from areas which forbid dogs.

A recent report for the Spastics Society analysed nearly 50 cases concerning discrimination and argued that unjustified indirect discrimination on the basis of disability was widespread and serious and should be made illegal.

But disability, as defined in the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act, covers the blind and deaf, the physically and mentally handicapped, and, increasingly, the old and frail.

But not all the disability groups are keen for more legislation. Mencap, for example, feels that education of the public is a better way forward than further legislation.

Mr Bert Massie, of the Royal Association for Disability and Rehabilitation, is of the view that further legislation "won't solve the problems but will curb the worst cases". Radar is more concerned to establish regional appeals committees to ensure that the rights conferred under the present disability Act are being enforced.

However, the Disablement Income Group sees anti-discrimination legislation as a main plank in the new approach to disability.

Ms Pauline Thompson of the group says they would like to see the 1970 Act made redundant by a disability income, compensating disabled people, as well as a benefit for the extra costs of being disabled.

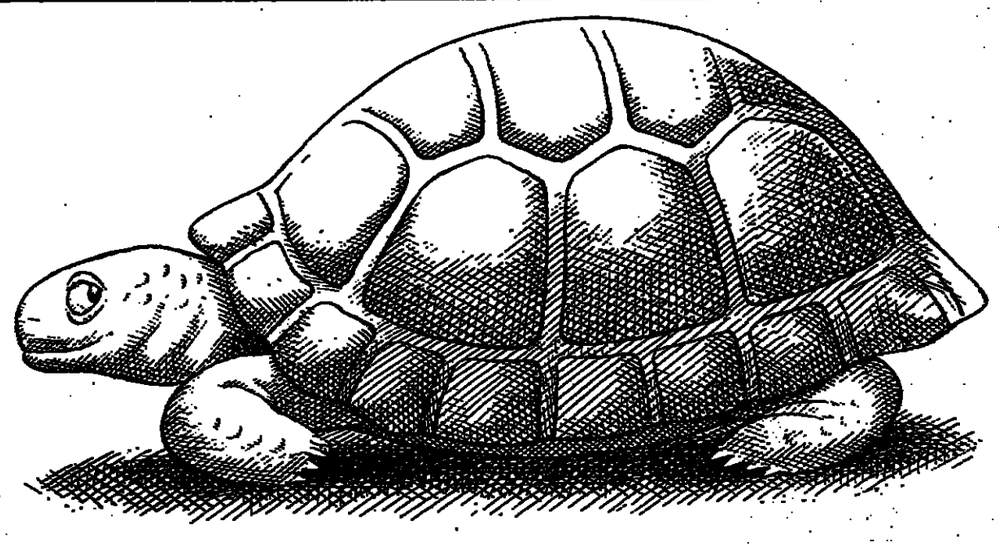
That, she says, would give disabled people the freedom to live as they wanted, not bind them to statutory charity. They would be protected by anti-discrimination legislation and so would be free to earn their own living. Local authorities would need to provide only the more expensive items such as house alterations and adaptations.

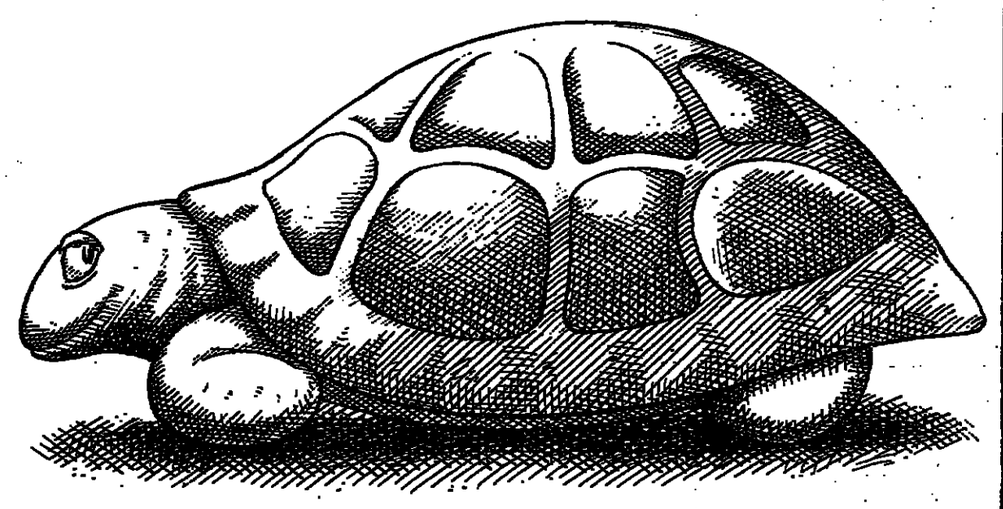
Disabled people themselves could as a result decide whether they want to spend their money on a telephone or a taxi, rather than waiting to be assessed and granted services by the local council.

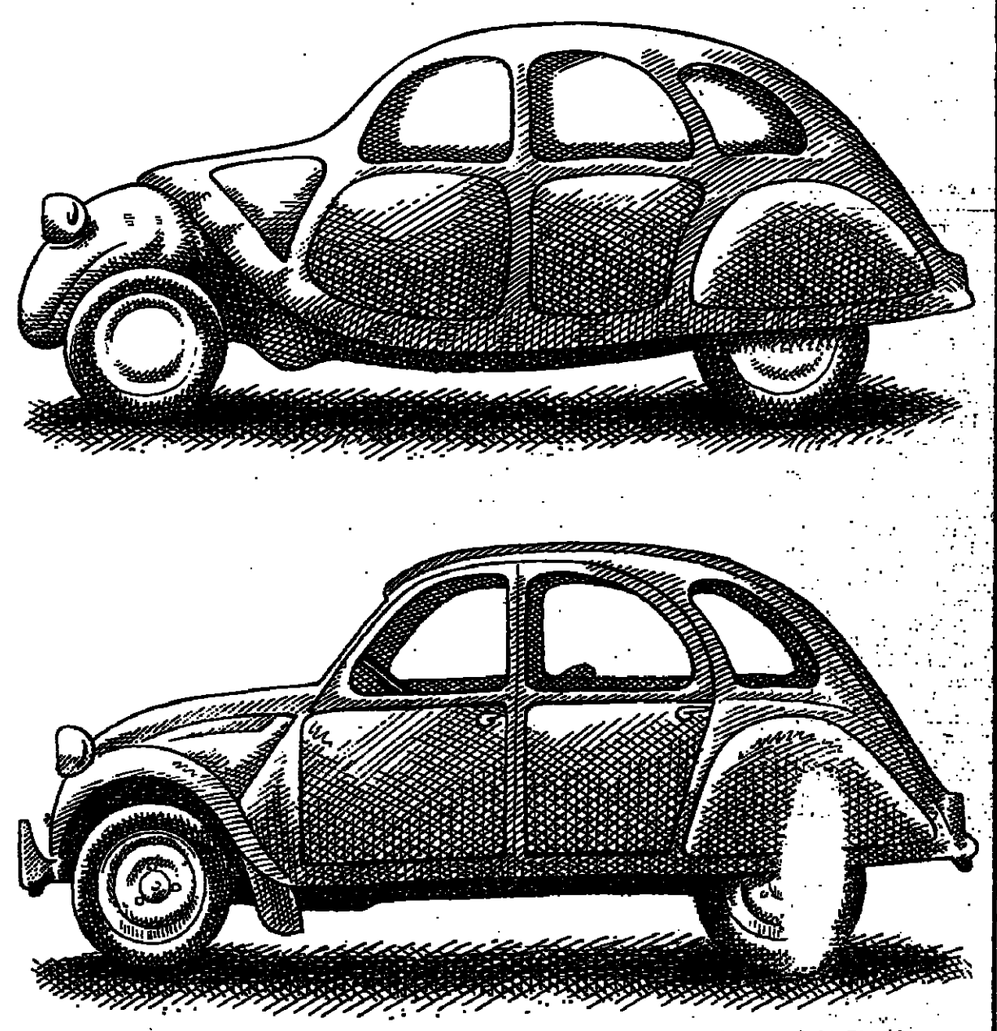
Ms Thompson agrees that the proposal could appeal to Conservative administrations but she cannot see such a radical change coming into force within the next decade.

In the meantime disabled people wait with trepidation for the outcome of the review of supplementary benefit to be announced next week.

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Pope death plot trial threatened by Agca refusal to face facts

From Peter Nichols, Rome

A third attempt will be made today to persuade the prosecution's principal witness in the case of the alleged conspiracy to murder the Pope to put aside his insistence that he is Jesus Christ and offer confirmation of his testimony.

For two days Mehmet Ali Agca, the Turkish terrorist who shot and severely wounded the Pope in St Peter's Square on May 13, 1981, has refused to answer factual questions, telling the court instead about his religious convictions.

Agca, who is serving a life sentence for his attempt to murder the Pope, said: "You can all call me mad, but remember that the Pope came to my cell and I told him that God omnipotent had shown me the Crucifixion, the Resurrection and the Ascension.

"The Pope asked me when, he did not say I was mad. He then described our meeting as excellent and marvellous to men far more intelligent than you."

Raising his voice in the court, Agca, who had again said that he was Jesus Christ, said: "I tell you the absolute truth. I have seen everything in a vision. I have seen the whole world in this generation has only a few years left. Neither the Soviets nor the Americans can do anything."

Dr Severino Santiapichi, the presiding judge, interrupted Agca several times in an attempt to make him answer his questions. The whole trial turns on the confession Agca has made in which he gave information about a conspiracy he said was organized by the Bulgarian secret service to murder the Pope.

All the accused are facing trial because Agca involved them personally, by name. Three are Bulgarians, of whom two are former members of the embassy here and are now in Sofia. The third is Mr Sergei Antonov, who worked for the Bulgarian airline here and was arrested in November 1982.

The remaining five accused are all Turks, of whom three are in custody. Agca is accused of the comparatively minor offence of having been illegally in possession of a firearm. But his main role is that of witness for the prosecution. Hence the crucial need, if the charges are going to be sustained, that he appear plausible in court.

The court's anxieties go beyond the outcome of the trial itself. Agca's confession by implication involves the Soviet Union, given that an attack on the Pope's life organized by the Bulgarians would be inconceivable without Russian agreement.

The fear is that the collapse of the prosecution's case in this trial would seriously compromise the outcome of these other investigations.



Vital witness: Photographers focusing on Agca as he was questioned for the second day yesterday.

Russians ridicule court as a tragicomedy

Moscow (Reuter) – Tass yesterday ridiculed the trial in Rome of the Bulgarian Sergei Antonov and others for alleged conspiracy to kill the Pope, saying outbursts there by Mehmet Ali Agca showed the worth of his evidence.

It said Ali Agca had "shown the whole world what all his 'evidence' is worth". The "dragged-out tragicomedy" should be ended at once.

"The soap bubble was punctured, the house of cards that the Italian investigators had been building so painstakingly during more than two years crumbled down," it said.

Tass said the court had three options. The first was to accept that Ali Agca was Jesus and incur the wrath of Christians across the world. If the court judged him mad, then his other allegations against Antonov meant little. The third option was that Ali Agca was "playing the fool", in which case he should not be allowed to fool with Antonov, who is charged with complicity in the shooting.

Moscow accuses Western intelligence services of inventing the alleged Bulgarian plot in an attempt to discredit the Soviet bloc.

Heavy Iraqi air raids on Iran towns

Bahrain, (Reuter) – Iraq kept up its heavy air raids on Iranian towns yesterday amid increasing international concern about the latest flare-up in the Gulf war.

Baghdad and Tehran were hit in retaliatory attacks, which appeared from official reports to be some of the most concentrated raids so far in the 56-month-old war.

The new air raids forced British Airways and Lufthansa to suspend flights to Baghdad. Most airlines suspended flights to Iran in March when Iraq declared Iranian air space a prohibited war zone.

In Baghdad, an Iraqi military spokesman said more then 50 planes launched "destructive" raids on six Iranian towns. He named them as Abadan, Baneh, Dehloran, Gilan-e-Gharb, Ilam and Khaneh. In previous attacks, he said, 63 planes had hit eight towns and military camps.

Iran said it fired a surface-to-surface missile at Baghdad early yesterday after Iraqi jets attacked residential areas of Tehran, killing at least 11 people.

Troops on alert in West Bank as settlers threaten reprisals

From Christopher Walker
Jerusalem

Israeli security forces in the West Bank have been placed on special alert after indications that Jewish settlers plan to step up intimidation against hundreds of Palestinians freed in last week's prisoner exchange.

Over the past 48 hours militant settlers in the two main occupied Arab towns of Nablus and Hebron have posted "wanted" notices with photographs of some of the released men and have distributed pamphlets calling for them to leave the region immediately.

In addition, leaders of the angry settlers have set up what they describe as a "call up" system to summon other settlers if a reprisal or other act of harassment is planned against the former prisoners, who have been returning to jubilant welcomes in Arab towns and villages.

The pamphlets, distributed by the settlers in Nablus, the largest town in the West Bank, are written in Arabic, Hebrew and English. They state that the Jews living in the occupied region "have not forgiven you and will not forgive you for the sins you committed". They threaten an "immediate response" if attacks against Israeli targets continue.

Israeli sources reported that the settlers had not yet secured all the names and addresses of the released men but were continuing to compile a list for public distribution to Jews throughout the region.

Already at least three of the West Bank Palestinians freed in exchange for three Israeli POW's are known to have left their homes after threats. In one case, Israeli sources said that one prisoner had left for Jordan after Jews at the Tekoa settlement threw the severed head of a dog into his yard and smeared his door with blood.

General Amnon Shahak, commander of Israeli forces in the West Bank, said in a radio interview that the atmosphere among the settlers had been "charged with dynamite" since the prisoner swap. He said the release of so many top-security prisoners back into the West Bank, and their demand for the parallel release of Jews on terrorist charges, could erupt into violence.

Sri Lanka may offer limited autonomy

From A Correspondent
Colombo

President Jayewardene of Sri Lanka will discuss fresh proposals to end the island's ethnic crisis with Indian Foreign Secretary, Mr Romesh Bhandari, when they meet in Colombo today.

Government sources say that the proposals include provincial councils with judicial powers for local matters, limited police powers and a decentralized budget.

Sir Lanka in tern expects India's cooperation in getting Tamil separatists to the negotiating table. As a second stage, Sri Lanka wants India to apply its tough anti-terrorist laws to Tamil guerrillas who refuse to accept the solution, while Sri Lanka will withdraw its Army.

Bomb blast at South Africa Army building

From Michael Hornsby
Johannesburg

Fourteen people, including two blacks, were reported injured in a bomb explosion yesterday on the first floor of a building housing the southern Transvaal medical command of the South African Defence Force (SADF) in central Johannesburg.

SADF personnel were the target of a car bomb in Pretoria two years ago which killed 19 people and injured more than 200, many of them civilians. Guerrillas of the African National Congress claimed responsibility.

Meanwhile, police in Bophuthatswana, the nominally independent tribal "homeland" of South Africa's Tswana-speaking blacks, were yesterday searching for two armed men said to have killed a black policeman and injured another in the Garankua township near Pretoria.

South African police described the two as terrorists and said they had opened fire with AK/47 rifles and hurled a Russian-made grenade at the policemen, who were seconded from the South African force, when they entered the yard of a house during a routine investigation.

A self-confessed ANC member, Jabu Ngobese, was jailed on Monday in the Rand Supreme Court to 15 years imprisonment for high treason. He also admitted having brought arms into the country and hidden them in the Johannesburg area.

Two other blacks, both union organizers and like Ngobese in their early twenties, were each jailed for five years for having helped him bury some of the weapons, including mines and a hand-made bomb.

According to evidence at the trial, Ngobese was among many young blacks who fled South Africa after the Soweto uprising of 1976-77 and had ANC guerrilla training abroad, in his case in Mozambique.

Mr Louis le Grange, Minister of Law and Order, said this month there had been 30 to 40 acts of sabotage by the ANC this year, almost as many as in the whole 1984.

This level of activity is difficult to reconcile with the Government's claim severely to have weakened the ANC by security agreements with Mozambique and Swaziland closing sanctuaries the guerrillas had enjoyed there.

Reagan hails special ties in message to Queen

Washington – President Reagan paid tribute yesterday to the "special relationship" between the US and Britain which had become so deeply rooted in trust and affection that it "is now so much part of out common heritage as to be almost taken for granted" (Nicholas Ashford writes).

In a message to the Queen to mark the 200th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the nations, the President referred to the shared values of democratic government, the rule of law and the sanctity of individual rights. His message was delivered to Sir Oliver Wright, the British Ambassador, by Vice-President Bush at a White House ceremony.

The ambassador gave Mr Bush a message from the Queen which paid tribute to the two countries "common values, shared interests, similar beliefs and an equal determination to defend democracy and liberty."

Priests charged after sit-in

Warsaw (Reuter) – Two Polish priests who joined a high school student sit-in over the removal of crosses from their classrooms have been charged with resisting the law and refusing to leave school premises.

A church spokesman in the southern province of Kielce said Fathers Marek Labuda and Andrzej Wilczynski would stand trial next Monday for their role in the two-week protest last December in the town of Wloszczowa, 105 miles south of here.

Britons freed

Two men returned to their homes in the Cotswolds after spending three months in a Moroccan jail for alleged drug running. Robert Grieve, aged 36, and Michael Phillips, aged 32, from Cirencester, were released from a Tangier prison on Sunday.

Tanker toll

Madrid. – Spanish frogmen discovered seven more bodies from Sunday's tanker explosion inside the wreckage of one of the two ships, bringing the total of known dead to 28. At least five other crewmen are still missing.

Summit leaves fundamental differences

Bonn, Paris paper over cracks

From Frank Johnson, Bonn

President Mitterrand was the guest yesterday of Chancellor Helmut Kohl at at hotel on Lake Constance, by the Swiss-German border, for discussions which did little to persuade the world that they had settled the differences which arose between them at the Bonn economic summit this month.

Part of the reason is that the differences are thought to be fundamental. They are mainly to do with the extent to which West Germany, and by extension the main Common Market countries, should disagree with the United States.

At the summit, France, among other points of contention, did not think Germany critical enough of Star Wars, the US Strategic Defence Initiative. France fears that such a space defence system would inevitably be matched, however long it took the Soviet Union to catch up, and that a Soviet SDI would render useless the French nuclear deterrent.

Since West Germany cannot have a nuclear deterrent in the foreseeable future, while sceptical of SDI, it does not see it in the same way. Instead, Germany doubts whether an American SDI could protect west Europe, and fears that the US may use the SDI research to gain a still greater technological lead over west Europe in a broad range of advanced products on the world market.

Yesterday's meeting was preceded by France and the Federal Republic going some way to meet each other's position.

Herr Kohl last week made a speech describing SDI as a risk as well as an opportunity, a nuance said to have been put in to please Paris. Bonn has also shown greater sympathy for the French idea of Eureka, a west European organization for technological research which would include Britain and Italy.

But Bonn detects signs that the French might not be as anti-SDI as has been assumed. It is said that a French economic delagation, recently in the US, showed a considerable interest in France's taking part in the research. In a slightly contrived way, efforts were made to demonstrate amity. Officials of both sides made it known that the meeting had lasted 30 minutes longer than expected – intending to show that it had gone well. It was inevitable that some comment would be prised from one or the other. So, when someone called out a request to know how the talks had gone, M Mitterrand inevitably replied: "Tres bien, tres bien."

Bonn officials said that a statement would be made today, when both leaders would be home again.

Whatever the statement says, President and Chancellor face days or weeks of speculation that Franco-German relations are still not back to normal, that each has profound reservations about the other's intentions.

US agrees with arms talks verdict

From Nicholas Ashford
Washington

President Reagan said yesterday he was in full agreement with Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, on one aspect of the Geneva nuclear arms talks – that the first round had been "completely fruitless".

However he, disagreed with the Soviet leader as to who was to blame for this lack of progress. President Reagan complained of Soviet "backtracking" and "lack of imagination". Mr Gorbachov has pointed an accusing finger at the Americans because of their insistence on pressing ahead with research into a Star Wars space defence system.

The President's remarks were made in a statement released when he held talks with Mr Max Kampelman, the chief US arms negotiator, shortly before members of the US team returned to Geneva for the second round of talks which start tomorrow.

His statement was a response to remarks made by Mr Gorbachov in Moscow last week that the first round of the Geneva talks had been "completely fruitless".

He said the Soviet comments were "an intriguing tactic for turning recalcitrance into a virtue. In the coming round we will be flexible without rewarding the Soviets for their backtracking. We will be patient in our search for a reduction in nuclear weapons."

Mr Larry Speakes, the White House spokesman, made it clear that the US negotiators had not been given new instructions.

Former Bulow lover to testify

Providence (Reuter) – The former lover of Claus von Bulow, whose evidence three years ago helped convict him on charges of trying to kill his wife, said yesterday that she would offer new testimony which she once "couldn't bear to think about".

The disclosure came as Mrs Alexandra Isles was questioned at a special re-trial hearing to determine whether she can take the witness stand against von Bulow, a Danish-born socialite.

Mrs Isles, aged 39, a soap opera star who returned to Providence on Monday night after staying in Europe for three months, dis not go into detail about her new testimony.

Von Bulow's chief attorney, Mr Thomas Puccio, had sought to have her barred from testifying, contending that her views were not relevant to the state's charges that his client tried to murder his wife, Martha, with insulin injections.

Mrs Isles had given key "motive" testimony at von Bulow's first trial in 1982. That conviction and its 30-year prison term were overturned by an appeals court for technical reasons.

She told jurors at his original trial that she had given von Bulow ultimatums to leave his wife and marry her about the time that Mrs von Bulow went into a coma.

Asked yesterday by Mr Puccio why she did not bring up her "new information" at von Bulow's first trial, Mrs Isles said: "Because my purpose in the trial in 1982 was to answer in the mos minimal way ... because I couldn't cope with what I didn't say. I couldn't bear to think about it, so I kept it in."

Von Bulow, 58, is accused of twice injecting his wife with insulin in a bid to gain a $14 million share of her $75 million fortune and marry Mrs Isles.

He claims his wife's condition resulted from her abuse of alcohol, drugs and sweets. She is now in a New York hospital where doctors say she is brain-dead and will never recover.



New evidence: Mrs Isles raising her right hand to be sworn in at the Bulow murder trial.

Cross-Canada by one-legged teenage runner

Vancouver (Reuter) – About 25,000 people turned out in Vancouver to greet Steve Fonyo, aged 19, a one-legged cancer victim who has run almost 5,000 miles across Canada to raise money for cancer research.

Fonyo, who lost most of his left leg at the age of 12, started his trek 14 months ago by dipping his artificial leg in the Atlantic off Newfoundland. Since then he has worn out six artificial legs and raised almost $7m.

He thanked especially the children who had "emptied their piggy banks" before laying a wreath at a memorial to Terry Fox, similarly afflicted, who attempted the same feat in 1980

Today Mr Fonyo intends to end his marathon at Vancouver Island



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ISRAEL'S WAR IN LEBANON

Israel's army, three years after invading Lebanon, is this week pulling its last forces back to the buffer zone on Lebanon's southern border. In the second of a three-part series, The Times describes the views on the Jewish state of the most controversial conflict in its modern history



General Ariel Sharon (left), architect of the invasion; PLO guerrillas (centre), leaving Beirut; and Mr Yassir Arafat (right), their leader.

Reaping a bitter harvest from the long, weary 'war of deceit'



By Christopher Walker
Jerusalem

"In Lebanon, any aspiration for seeking a perfect solution is seeking the unobtainable" – Yitzhak Rabin, Israeli Defence Minister, May 8, 1985.

Frightened, combat-weary and disillusioned, the last Israeli troops to abandon the battered former crusader port of Tyre a few weeks ago left no room for doubt about their personal attitudes towards the final retreat. Many of the dusty tanks were festooned with balloons and one carried a sign with the message: "Goodbye Lebanon, a country that consumes its occupiers."

But the soldiers' unabashed joy has been tempered by the sight of Israeli workers digging a 15ft wide ditch along the 55 mile boundary between Lebanon and Israel, a desperate attempt to prevent the new guerrilla war with Shia suicide bombers spreading into Israel.

As one embittered resident of Metulla, the most vulnerable of the Galilee settlements, put it: "After losing all those young lives, all that money and our international good name, it is hard to believe we have now been reduced to defending ourselves with a medieval moat."

Another Metulla inhabitant, Reuben Weinberg, owner of the picturesque Snows of Lebanon hotel, pointed to the mass of Israeli construction work taking place across the border inside Lebanon. "From here, two things are immediately obvious," he told me. "Israel is not abandoning Lebanon completely and we are now facing a more dangerous enemy than before the war began. If anyone tells me differently, I only have to point out of my windows."

The unhappy facts for Israel are that nearly three years of violence have seen a visible decline in the Christian influence in Lebanon which the war was intended to promote, the emergence of a fanatical force of Shia Muslim guerrillas on Israel's vulnerable northern border and a strengthening of Syrian influence in Lebanon.

However, at 11am sharp on June 6, 1982, when the four massive Israeli armoured columns rumbled northwards, there was little time, amid the ferocity of the initial battles and the deliberate paucity of official information (a tactic known by the Hebrew term "fog of war"), for deep analysis or questioning of the Government's motives.

Most soldiers appeared to take at face value the words of the Israeli prime minister, Menachem Begin, who responded to a cautionary message from President Reagan with the pledge: "Mr President, the Israeli Government has decided to do all it can to end this intolerable situation. The army has received orders to push the terrorists back 40 kilometres northwards, so that all our citizens are freed from the constant threat against their lives."

Northern border had been quiet

Few of the tens of thousands of invading Israeli troops imagined that their occupation would last nearly three years, and cost more than 640 Israeli lives, and an average of US $1 million a day.

In the emotion whipped up after the attempted assassination of ambassador Shlomo Argov outside London's Dorchester Hotel three days earlier, there appeared a tendency to overlook the fact that since the previous July 24 the northern border had been uncannily quiet as a result of the ceasefire with the PLO negotiated via the US with assistance from Saudi Arabia.

As the Israeli troops advanced rapidly northward to link up with others landed on the beaches outside Sidon, the combination of dazzling early military success and strict Israeli censorship worked to conceal the bitter controversies that the war was soon to provoke.

The invaders were taking part in what quickly became the most controversial of Israel's six wars. The conflict broke the former national consensus on defence, encouraged the little-known phenomenon of Israeli conscientious objection and prompted some of the biggest demonstrations in the history of the state.

Such signs of internal dissent against a war were little known in a country that had lived from the outset under the threat of liquidation by the Arabs. Israel was now embroiled in a conflict quite different in character from any previous.

The early successes against the Palestinians in the west were matched on the eastern front against Syria by the spectacular aerial destruction on June 9 of the Soviet-made Sam 6 missile batteries in the Bek'aa Valley. Again, initial euphoria at the daring and skill of the achievement served to disguise the more considered view that the action had in fact given away Israeli military secrets which might prove vital in subsequent wars. Also, few realised that, with Soviet help, the Syrians would soon have more powerful anti-aircraft missiles on their soil.

As the relentless Israeli advance continued, it dawned on some senior army commanders as well as leaders of the Labour opposition that Ariel Sharon, the Defence Minister, had far more grandiose ambitions than had been publicly acknowledged.

The extent to which discontent was growing inside the army became public knowledge after Colonel Eli Geva, one of the country's brightest young officers and a commander responsible for many of the early successes on the western front, stood down from his brigade rather than risk the casualties that he argued would result from an advance on west Beirut.

The dissent gathered momentum, leading on August 8 to a petition from 2,000 reserve soldiers calling for Mr Sharon's dismissal. This did not come until the following February, after angry street demonstrations (one involving an estimated 400,000 people) had brought the Kahane commission of inquiry into the massacre of Palestinian refugees in west Beirut. He and a number of other senior Israelis were strongly criticised.

The massacres at Sabra and Chatila by their Phalangist allies under the noses of the surrounding Israeli troops focused mounting disquiet at the conduct of the war.

In the meantime, Israel's hopes of establishing a malleable and sympathetic Christian regime in Lebanon had been dashed with the assassination on September 14 of Bashir Gemayel, Lebanon's Christian president-elect.

The evacuation of the PLO from Beirut in August, 1982 was one of the last bonuses for Israel in what soon degenerated into a costly war of attrition fought against the newly radicalized Shia Muslims of southern Lebanon who had turned against the Israeli occupiers just as they turned against the Palestinians before them.

Prominent role for the media

More than in any of Israel's previous wars, the media played a prominent role in the Lebanon conflict, both because it was bitterly accused by Israel of wide-scale and deliberate distortion and because its representatives accredited in the Jewish state had a unique – if often uncomfortable – opportunity of assessing the growing difficulties faced by the occupying army at first hand.

As the pressure on the occupiers mounted, journalists had to wear protection, travel with heavily armed guards and obey orders that there was to be no more stopping – not even for calls of nature.

The experience of the journalists was relevant, because it gave them a peculiar insight into what many Israeli observers believe may prove to be among the most serious long-term effects of the conflict: the brutalization of the Israeli armed forces, a process known here as "Lebanonization", and the blow delivered by a protracted and bloody defeat to its morale, self-respect and international reputation.

Although the first calls for a complete Israeli withdrawal were voiced as early as October 1982 by at least one senior general, and although the unilateral retreat from the Chouf Mountains took place on September 3, 1983, it was not until the appointment of the National Unity Government a year later that the ground was properly laid for the withdrawal of all uniformed troops.

"The point often forgotten abroad is that essentially the mighty armour of Israel has been sent packing by a hard core of about 200 fanatical guerillas who now believe – with some reason – that they have achieved more than any of the armies in the Arab world," said a senior United Nations observer in southern Lebanon.

Widely described by critics as Israel's first "war of choice" the conflict has already prompted reams of critical analysis at home.

"Perhaps a misguided war is a stage that every nation goes through on its way to maturity," concluded journalists Ze'ev Schiff and Ehud Ya'ari in their widely acclaimed study baldly entitled in its original Hebrew version *Milhemet Sholal*, The War of Deceit.*

The book takes as its text a quotation from the Old Testament Book of Habakkuk 2:17 "The violence done to Lebanon will overwhelm you." Most chapters, like the pre-planning and early stages of the operation itself (originally codenamed "Big Pines") are dominated by the bull-like figure of Ariel Sharon, the former Defence Minister and formidable litigant who has already staged a remarkable political comeback from the ruins of his grandiose ambitions to use Israel's military might to secure a Lebanese Government of its choice.

Having survived serious censure from the investigative commission into the massacre of Palestinians at Sabra and Chatila, the energetic reserve general is now esconsed as Minister of Trade and Industry. He and his senior aides are still confident he will one day succeed the uninspiring figure of Yitzhak Shamir as the next leader of the Herut Party, and thus, the right wing Likud coalition.

In politics, as in battle, Mr Sharon is a proponent of the maxim that attack is the best means of defence and he has repeatedly blamed the reverses suffered by Israel in Lebanon on a combination of fickle diplomacy by the US, combined with an undermining of its strength by critics of the war at home, particularly those inside the Labour movement.

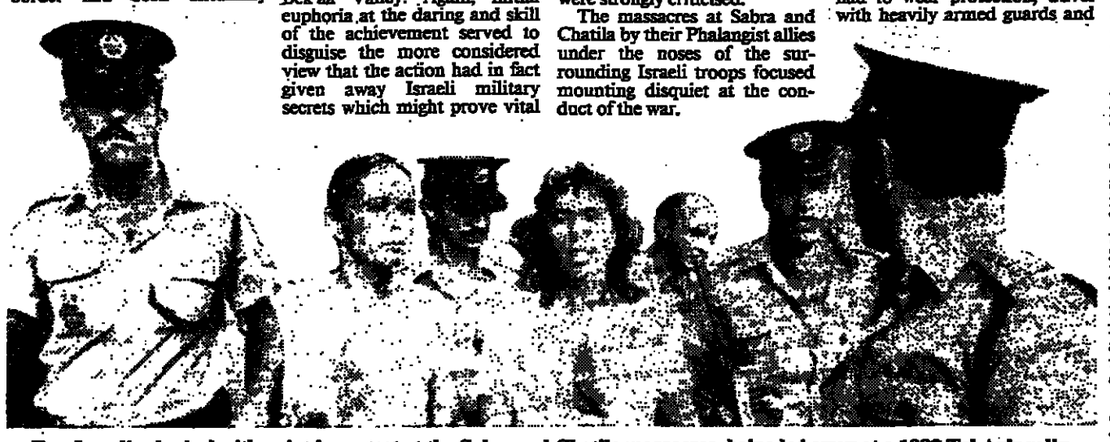
In recent weeks there have been some signs that, with the pullback nearly complete, some of the worst internal disunity caused by the war is receding, but the scars are so deep they will still take years to heal properly.

The healing will depend much on how the situation develops over the next few months on the embattled northern border and inside the "security zone" where Israel has still decided to wield indirect control indefinitely despite the danger of further disaffecting southern Lebanon's Shia Muslim majority.

"The war did not bring peace to Galillee. It has only brought us greater uncertainty," said Mr Weinberg in Metulla. "Many people tend to forget that the border was quiet for over nine months before the invasion. I am afraid that things will never be that way again."

** The English language version of the Schiff and Ya'ari book, Israel's Lebanon War, is published by George Allen and Unwin (£12.95).*

Tomorrow: United States' role and the view from Moscow



Two Israelis, daubed with paint in protest at the Sabra and Chatila massacres, being led away at a 1982 Tel Aviv rally.

TO BEIRUT AND BACK

1981
April 28. Two Syrian transport helicopters shot down by Israelis over Lebanon leading to so-called "Syrian missile crisis".
July 10. Start of "two week war" between Israel and PLO units in Lebanon.
July 24. US and Saudi mediated ceasefire comes into effect on Israel's northern border. Agreement, which held well, seen as the first – albeit indirect – between Israel and the PLO.

1982
June 3. Attempted assassination of Shlomo Argov, Israeli Ambassador to London, provides catalyst for invasion of Lebanon.
June 4. Israeli planes attack Palestinian targets in Beirut and 22 other targets in southern Lebanon. Guerrillas retaliate with bombardment along northern border.
June 6. Menachim Begin, Israel's Prime Minister, tells Reagan, then attending Versailles conference: "Mr President, the Israeli Government has decided o do all it can to put an end to this intolerable situation."
June 9. EEC foreign ministers demand Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon.
June 10. Israelis report first 100 Jewish casualties in fighting to date.
June 13. Siege of west Beirut begins.
June 24. Ariel Sharon, Israel's Defence Minister and chief architect of the war, denies that the Cabinet had taken any decision not to enter west Beirut.
June 26. About 10,000 Israelis take part in first mass protest against the war which is causing mounting internal dissent.
Aug 3. Yitzhak Shamir, Israel's Foreign Minister, warned by President Reagan in Washington that Israel should not launch an assault on west Beirut.
Aug 6. US vetoes a Soviet motion in the United Nations Security Council to impose embargo on arms shipment to Israel.
Aug 8. 2,000 Israeli reserve soldiers sign petition calling for dismissal of Sharon
Aug 11. Israeli Cabinet approves "in principle" draft of document drawn up by US special envoy Mr Philip Habib.
Aug 31. Last Palestian guerrillas evacuated from west Beirut.
Sept 1. President Reagan launches his abortive Middle East peace initiative.
Sept 14. Bashir Gemayel, Lebanese President-elect assassinated in east Beirut.
Sept 15. Israeli forces move into west Beirut "to ensure public order and security."
Sept 16. Massacres in the Sabra and Chatila Palestinian refugee camps in west Beirut Begin after units of Lebanese Phalangist militia are allowed into camps by surrounding Israeli forces.
Sept 17. Israeli journalist Zeev Schiff informs Communication Minister Mordechai Zipori of reports reaching him about events in the camps. The information is passed on to Yitzhak Shamir, Foreign Minister, but goes no further.
Sept 18. Begin claims to hear first news of the massacres on 5 pm BBC World Service bulletin.
Sept 22. Sharon makes first statement to the Knesset officially confirming that the Phalangists entered Sabra and Chatila in coordination with Israel. Yitzhak Berman, Israeli Energy Minister, resigns over government failure to set up an official inquiry.
Sept 25. Estimated 400,000 Israelis demonstrate in Tel Aviv in support of an inquiry.
Sept 29. Begin appoints Chief Justice Kahane to head three-man inquiry into the killings.

1983
Jan 3. Israel-Lebanon negotiations open US participation.
Feb 8. 108-page Kahane report published. Strongly critical of performance of certain Israeli politicians and Army chiefs.
Feb 12. Sharon deprived of defence portfolio but remains in Cabinet as Minister Without Portfolio.
June 5. 150,000 Israelis join anti-war demo in Tel Aviv.
June 16. Knesset rejects call for official inquiry into conduct of war.
Sept 3. Israeli forces begin unilateral pull-back to Awali river line leading to bloody fighting in Chouf mountains.
Sept 15. Begin submits his resignation as Prime Minister and goes into seclusion. Eventually succeeded by Yitzhak Shamir.
Oct 5. 100th Israeli soldier jailed for refusing to serve in Lebanon.
Nov 25. Six Israeli PoWs exchanged for 4,000 Palestinian and other detainees
Dec 1. Report from Lebanese Supreme Court puts number killed in war at 19,095, with a further 31,915 injured.
Dec 20. Yassir Arafat and 4,000 PLO guerrillas evacuated from Tripoli in northern Lebanon.

1984
March 5. Israeli-Lebanon accord abrogated by President Amin Gemayel under Syrian pressure.
July 23. Israel goes to polls in inconclusive general election.



Bashir Gemayel — Menachem Begin

Sept 16. National Unity Government takes power with Shimon Peres of Labour as Prime Minister in two-year rotation agreement with Shamir.
Oct 22. 600th dead Israeli soldier buried.

1985
Jan 14. Cabinet approves plan for three-stage withdrawal of uniformed troops from Lebanon.
Feb 16. Sidon evacuated in stage 1 of withdrawal, completed before deadline.
March 10. Twelve Israeli soldiers killed and 14 wounded when girl suicide bomber crashes into their truck just north of the border settlement of Metulla.
April 2. 1,200 detainees bused across border from south Lebanon to Israeli prison. Widespread international condemnation of the move.
April 3. Ansar detention camp closed after final 600 inmates released.
April 29. Pull-out from Tyre completes stage 2 of the evacuation, leaving only buffer zone still under Israeli occupation.

Stroessner feels wind of change

Power battle grips Paraguay

Asunción (NYT) – There is no evidence that President Alfredo Stroessner, aged 72, is ill or planning to step down, but what comes after his 31-year-old rule is suddenly the main topic of conversation in Paraguay.

The Government has tried to limit discussion of the issue, arguing that the entire concept of post-Stroessnerism has been invented by opposition groups bent on agitation. "There is no such thing as post-Stroessner" one official said.

But in a country where, in the words of a journalist, the news is always the same, change is now being viewed as inevitable.

"We are definitely in a pre-transition period", a foreign diplomat said. "Stroessner will stay in office as long as he wants to, but there is genuine widespread concern about what will happen afterwards".

A number of factors have fed the debate. The return of civilian rule to three neighbouring countries – Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay – has reawakened the dream of democracy here.

President Reagan contributed to the uncertainty this month by including Paraguay – along with Chile, Nicaragua and Cuba – among Latin America's remaining dictatorships. The Stroessner Government, which describes Paraguay as a democracy without communism, was stunned.

The strongest shadow of the future is being cast by the power struggle taking place within General Stroessner's Colorado Party between traditionalists and militants.

The traditionalists believe General Stroessner should step down in 1988, that seven terms in office are enough, a leading member of this faction said. That is the best way of ensuring a smooth transition and preserving the Colorado Party.

In contrast, the President's inner circle, headed by his private secretary, Señor Mario Abdon Benítez, is said to be seeking control of the party, not only to nominate General Stroessner to an eighth term at its 1987 convention but also to determine his eventual successor.

In public, both groups continue to pledge support for the president, with the battle largely limited to elections taking place in hundreds of party committees around the country. But in private the names of possible successors are being juggled.

The president's 42-year-old son, Gustavo, an Air Force Major, is mentioned, although so far he has not been promoted as a public figure by his father. Both Señor Benitez and Señor Luis Maria Argana, the President of the Supreme Court, are suggested in different circles as possible civilian solutions, while no one writes off General Andres Rodriguez, commander of the powerful First Army Corps.



General Stroessner: Move to make him step down.

Delhi sees retaliation in talks delay

From Kuldip Nayar
Delhi

Britain has asked India to reschedule a bilateral economic meeting fixed for London next month, according to India's Ministry of External Affairs.

The postponement is seen in Delhi as a retort to India's decision not to buy British Westland helicopters even though negotiations had reached a final stage. The Indian media reports that Britain has also cut this year's aid to India.

The countries have been drifting apart for some time, and Mrs Thatcher's recent visit has not changed Delhi's attitude. A letter she reportedly wrote to Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Prime Minister, has reportedly gone unacknowledged.

India is upset at Britain's "soft line" on Sikh extremists who say the Indian Government have a free rein. Mr Gandhi could have stopped in London on his way to or from America, they say. But deliberately chose not to do so

● **LONDON: Foreign Office sources last night confirmed that the annual economic discussions had been deferred, but denied any political undertones (Our Correspondent writes). British diplomats had had difficulty in finding a date; September looked more likely.**

Meanwhile, the sources say, the helicopter deal is by no means over. Helicopters worth £45m were being given as aid, and Britain had made clear that it could not give £45m in cash instead.

Congressional study finds that 22% of US children live in poverty

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Twenty-two per cent of American children live in families with incomes below the poverty line, while true government spending each year on every child in poverty has fallen by $290 (£225) since 1976, according to a congressional study.

The Congressional Research Service and the Congressional Budget Office concluded that government spending for programmes directed specifically at children had failed to keep pace with population increases and inflation since the 1970s.

Food stamps and Medicaid benefits were not included in the calculations. Had they been counted the overall poverty rate would have been calculated at between 15 per cent and 19 per cent.

The study said cash and food stamp benefits available for each poor child from various programmes, as measured in constant 1983 dollars, dropped from a high of $1,446 in 1976 to £1,156 in 1983. Medicaid outlays, however, increased.

The rise in single-parent families since the early 1970s is a major cause of the increase in poverty rates, the study said. It found that half of all poor children lived with a single female parent.

Nearly half of all black children, a third of all Hispanic children, and 17 per cent of white children lived in families with incomes below the poverty line in 1983. In white families headed by women the poverty rate for children was 47.6 per cent. For black families headed by women the figure was 68.5 per cent, and 70.5 per cent for Hispanic families headed by women.

"For children in black, single, female-headed families where the mother in under 30 and did not complete high school, the poverty rate is 92.8 per cent," the report noted.

It found that more than 2.5 million of the 13.8 million children below the poverty line lived in families where at least one person had a full-time job, "which belies the widespread view that a full-time job throughout the year is near insurance against poverty".

Stopover in Poland by Craxi

From Roger Boyes
Warsaw

Signor Bettino Craxi, the Italian Prime Minister, yesterday held a brief round of talks with General Wojciech Jaruzelski, the Polish leader. He is the most senior Nato politician to visit Warsaw since martial law was imposed in 1981.

Diplomats said, the talks were largely symbolic, touching on bilateral and international issues raised by the Italian Foreign Minister, Signor Giulio Andreotti, during his visit to Poland in December. Although the visit was only a stopover on the way to Moscow, it may set an important precendent, allowing other Western leaders to pay brief respects to the Jaruzelski Government without giving the impression that the Polish leadership has been fully rehabilitated after martial law.

Nato foreign ministers have been trekking to Warsaw since last autumn but have tried to balance their talks with gestures towards Solidarity

The pace was set by Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, in November, when he visited the grave of Father Jerzy Popieluszko, a Solidarity priest killed by secret policemen. Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, paid a similar tribute in April.

Now, however, this double handed approach is proving a problem. Mr Leo Tindemans, the Belgian Foreign Minister, had wanted to meet Solidarity advisers but Polish officials said such meetings were unacceptable.

Protest over jail venue for Gandhi trial

Delhi (AP) – The defence in the Indira Gandhi assassination trial argued yesterday for an open court, saying a closed hearing in a jail was "against the principle of natural justice... and smacks of secrecy."

MR P P Grover, lawyer for two of the three accused Sikh conspirators, said the trial should be shifted from the sweltering makeshift courtroom in Tihar jail to regular open chambers where the public can attend.

"A jail trial is against the principle of natural justice. How can a witness speak the truth without being intimidated by the imposing high walls?" counsel argued

The trial is being conducted inside the high security Tihar jail in western Delhi. Only court officials, accredited journalists and select relatives of the accused are admitted.

UN sees rising European intolerance of refugees

From Our Own Correspondent, Geneva

Expressing deep concern over trends emerging in Europe, Mr Poul Hartling, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, said yesterday that peoples who formerly "opened their doors and their hearts to refugees are now showing signs of greater reserve and even intolerance".

He was opening a four-day meeting behind closed doors on the question of new asylum-seekers and refugees in Europe, called by his organization, which regards the entire structure for the protection of refugees, built up over the years, as being in serious danger.

All West European countries, including Britain, are represented by senior officials, as are, the United States and Canada.

While the drama of the Vietnamese boat people and the influx of many thousands of Ethiopians into Sudan had captured the headlines, little attention was paid to "smaller groups of refugees spending weeks in European air terminals, tossed around like ping-pong balls from airport to airport, thrown into 'orbit'". They were no less worthy of attention and help.

Car bomb kills two Romanian bomb squad men

Bucharest (AP). – Two members of a Romanian bomb squad were killed when a bomb exploded in the car of a Syrian student, well-informed sources said yesterday. It was the most serious incident in a series of bomb threats involving Syrians.

The bomb went off on Sunday at the Grozavesti student hostel in Bucharest after the squad had removed a bomb from another Syrian car, the sources said.

In both cases, the car owners were said to have received telephone calls warning them of the bombs and had notified Romanian police.

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Commentary



Geoffrey Smith

I have begun my first visit to the United States since President Reagan's re-election by taking the temperature among the Democrats. If you want to know what is happening in a country it is a good idea to listen to what the opposition feels is advisable to say. Is it launching a frontal assault or accepting the Government's premises? What subjects is it obliged to discuss?

I have been struck by two things about the Democratic party today which are, I believe, of wider significance. Certainly at national level it is speaking about economic rather than social issues.

Civil liberties, health care and social welfare are no longer in the forefront of debate. One would never imagine that the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) was so recently a subject of widespread controversy. On all these issues the Democrats used to make the running, but on none of them do most of its principal figures have so much to say now.

This is a remarkable transformation. From the days of Lyndon Johnson's Great Society in the 1960s the Democrats have been the party of social policy first and economic policy second. Now they are becoming a party that seeks to achieve its social objectives through economic growth.

Top Democrats move to centre

Secondly, most of the leading Democrats are deliberately moving to the centre of the spectrum in American politics. Senator Gary Hart was once on the left of the party, but he positioned himself in the centre last year with a campaign of particular appeal to those who believed themselves capable of being successful.

He is the one certain starter among those who now seem to be the principal contenders for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1988. He will not be standing again for the Senate next year so as to leave himself free for the bigger race.

From what I hear it is not certain that Senator Edward Kennedy will run for president. He is doing everything now to suggest that he will, but he cannot relish the prospect of Chappaquiddick and the rest of his private life being dragged up again. Having projected himself back into the forefront of the party's affairs, he might withdraw as he approaches the starting gate unless the conditions look very favourable.

But it is interesting that he evidently feels it necessary to try to move towards the centre if he is to prepare for the race. That he does not seem altogether convincing as a born-again centrist is hardly surprising.

But that he should make the effort is a tribute to the strength of the prevailing wind in American politics.

Reagan stays tuned to the mood

It is essentially a Reaganite wind. The democrats may not accept his policies, but they are responding to his agenda. It is ture that Mr Reagan has never been able simply to disregard social issues.

He has always had to pay rhetorical tribute to concerns of the Moral Majority. But he has never made these a priority for action.

The essence of his domestic programme has been the drive for economic growth, and this may well have to be true of the next administration as well, because there is unlikely to be enough money around for new social programmes without increasing the budget deficit.

This does not mean that the Democrats are bound to lose the next presidential election. They should stand a good chance if they can really sort themselves out in time. But one should not underestimate Mr Reagan's continuing influence.

He may be a lame-duck president and he has had his recent difficulties. Congress will not allow him to increase defence spending as he would like and the Bitburg visit has embittered the Jewish community. But most Americans accept that, having made that commitment, he had to go through with it.

The budget deficit will be cutwithout his having to accept a rise in taxes. His personal popularity is still high and he remains in tune with the prevailing mood of the American people.

One of the surest marks of his continuing influence is the effect he has having on his political opponents. The Democrats are reacting to the Reagan era rather than rejecting it.

Farm ministers threaten bitter debate on reform of EEC policy

From Ian Murray, Sienna

EEC farm ministers yesterday reluctantly agreed on the need to have a plan for reforming the common agricultural policy (CAP) ready by the end of this year. But they threatened a long and bitter battle over just how the reform should be carried out.

"We have taken aim today, but our feet are a little bogged down," Signor Filipo Pandolfi, the Italian minister, said at the end of a two-hour informal meeting he had chaired to agree on what the European Commission called "the official kick-off of the far-reaching debate".

Central to the argument will be how to protect the incomes of family farmers, while eliminating the surplus production which is crippling the budget and provoking a trade war with the United States.

Yesterday's meeting focussed a long paper prepared by Mr Frans Andriessen, the Agriculture Commissioner. This identified six crucial areas in need of study and reform, and it promised ministers that they would be given a Green Paper of options to discuss by the end of the month.

The commission paper insisted on something which Britain has long sought, so far unsuccessfully. "If the Community cannot succeed in controlling the markets through a restrictive price policy, sooner or later we shall find ourselves extending the empire of quotas," the paper warned. That was not something to contemplate with any enthusiasm.

The difficulty of getting this basis principle agreed was immediately apparent from Signor Pandolfi. "In the present circumstances, it is hard to see how a proper response can be provided to the challenges that have arisen only through a policy on prices and markets," he said.

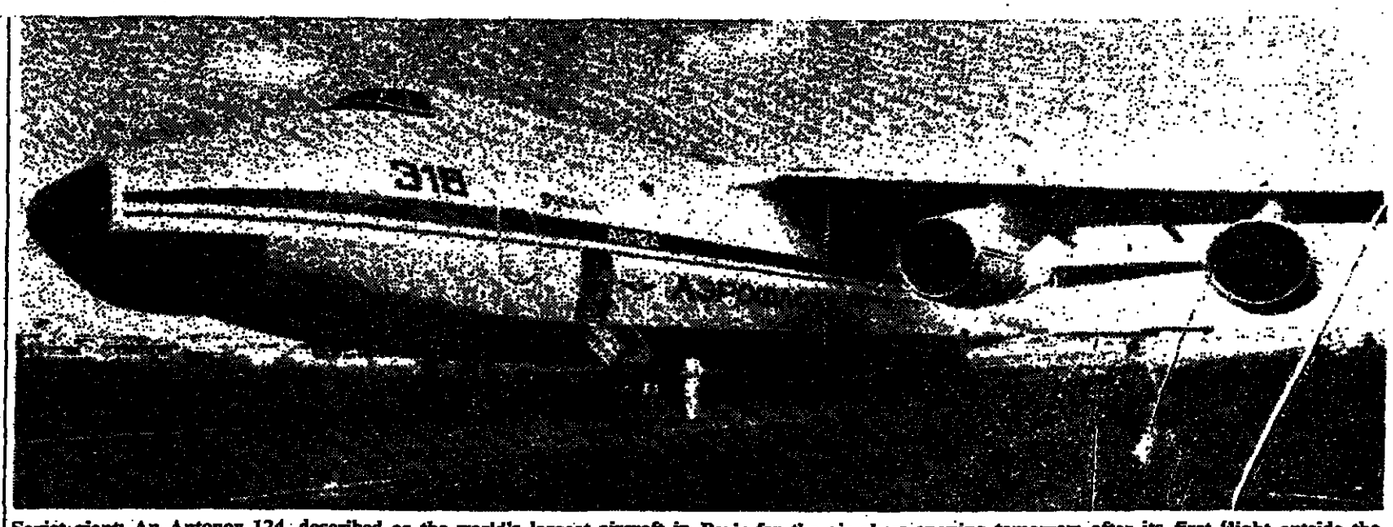
In his view "the financial requirement for the CAP will increase in absolute terms". He said the central objective of the CAP is still that of supporting and improving farm incomes with an agriculture that is market-related and competitive.

The Italian minister admitted these two aims could be incompatible, and the sincerity of the ministers' agreement in Sienna will be put to a searching test in 10 days' time, when they meet formally in another attempt to agree on cereal prices for this year. Herr Ignaz Kiechle, the West German minister, who has been vetoing any cereal price cut to protect his country's small farmers, showed no sign at all yesterday of having been converted to a new approach.

One idea pressed strongly by the commission paper was to give direct income aid to farmers so that they would not have to rely solely on increased production to earn a living. Failing this, there was a growing danger of renationalization of agriculture, which would end the CAP.

There were signs of agreement in other areas, although they were ones that might well increase the danger of an agricultural trade war with the US. The Commission means to look specifically at using export credits, long-term supply agreements and linkage between commercial exports and food aid as means of increasing sales outside the Community.

The reforms are meant to take EEC agriculture into the next century and part of the strategy is to try to increase demand by using farm produce for things other than food. Biomass research, alcohol additives for lead-free petrol, and pharmaceuticals are all to be studied as potential users of farm produce.



Soviet giant: An Antonov 124, described as the world's largest aircraft in Paris for the air show opening tomorrow after its first flight outside the Soviet Union. With a 272ft wingspan and 24 tyres it can carry 150 tons over 5,000 miles.

Explosive start for second Bosporus link

Ankara – The first charges of dynamite are to be ceremoniously blown by President Kenan Evren of Turkey in Istanbul today to start construction of the second Bosporus bridge, a contract snatched from Britain by Japanese firms (Basit Eurdilek writes).

On the eve of the ceremony, Mr Bedrettin Dalan, the mayor of Istanbul, announced the impending arrival of further Japanese business representatives in connection with a projected undersea tunnel and a "Disneyland" for the town.

The disclosure of Japanese interest in Istanbul projects came after a recent official visit to Japan by Mr Turgut Ozal, the Turkish Prime Minister.

Seoul suspicious about North Korean proposal to help divided families

From David Watts, Seoul

No private letters, telegrams or telephone calls have passed between North and South Koria for years but delagates from the two states to the Red Cross negotiations on divided families yesterday proposed large-scale visits this year.

Seoul proposed the exchange of visiting groups on a "substantial scale" on August 15, the fortieth anniversary of the end of Japanese colonialism.

Pyongyany's chief Northern delagate, Mr Li Chong Ryul, topped that with a proposal that every member of a divided family should be allowed to go and search out relatives in the place where they last saw them, at one month's notice. With an estimated 10 million separated families in North and South Korea, that could give the North a licence to infiltrate, in Seoul's view.

But at the end of yesterday's one-and-a-half-hour first formal working session both sides promised to study the other's suggestions, which also include the exchange of orchestras and art troupes on the anniversary. The exchange would "promote an amicable atmosphere for continued Red Cross dialogue Mr Li said.

So far the atmosphere has been businesslike, though each side has put in its fair share of rhetoric. But the gulf of distrust is vast. Unlike other conferences of this kind elsewhere in the world, there appears to be no horse-trading in the corridors. Both sides made their proposals in formal speeches yesterday. If there are serious differences between the two today there will be only two hours of discussions in which to sort them out. At present, no session is planned for Thursday.

● Arrests sought: Police in Seoul requested warrants yesterday to arrest 25 of 73 militant university students who occupied the US Information Service library last week, officials said (AP reports).

They said the 25 were the main plotters and instigators of the four-day seizure of the library and would be charged with violence and interference in official duties.

Nuclear site fencing criticized

From Tony Duboudin
Melbourne

Of the 550 acres of the British nuclear test site at Taranaki which appeared to be contaminated with plutonium only about 50 acres was within a man-proof fence, the Royal Commission into the British nuclear tests in Australia has been told. The fence was built after the British cleaned up the site in 1968.

Dr Keith Lokan, director of the Australian radiation laboratory, told the commission he had conducted surveys on the Maralinga testing range in South Australia since 1977.

Parts of the area would not be suitable for permanent occupation because of the presence of plutonium, he said on Monday. The most significant contamination was at Taranaki, the site of a number of "minor" nuclear trial explosions.

Dr Lokan said plutonium on the site would remain a health risk for 240,000 years, and was then asked by Mr Peter McClellan, counsel assisting the commission, about ways to treat the site.

He outlined the methods used to treat soil residue after the extraction of natural uranium, which was similar to the contaminated soil at Maralinga.

Such uranium "tailings" from mining were placed in a pit and capped with clay, then rock and topsoil, and finally with new vegetation. The area was then safe for permanent occupation.

Asked if similar work could be done at Maralinga, he said it could, but added that dilution of the radioactive material in the soil after the cleaning operation had changed the situation.

"One solution would be to dig a big hole and put contaminated dirt and items in it," Dr Lokan said. One would then be left with "something of a mountain" of earth taken from the hole.

Another possibility, which Dr Loken dismissed, was filling in the natural basin of the Taranaki site.

"A third option, which he considered possible, was the removal from Maralinga of contaminated earth and material in the radioactive test pits. This could then be taken to a suitable burial location.

Hippo goes to a shopping centre to die

Harare – She stumbled into the Mabelreign shopping centre here at 6am yeesterday and, sighing deeply, leant her one-and-a-half tonne frame against a retaining wall at the back of a hardware store (Jan Raath writes).

For the next three hours she lay amid the rubble of the collapsed wall, quietly dying of cold and dehydration.

Rangers of the Department of National Parks arrived and shot the five-year-old hippopotamas with a tranquilizing dart, but said she was probably already dead.

"Her skin and teeth will be sold to defray expenses involved in the operation," said a National Parks official. Her flesh could not be sold because of the contaminating nature of the tranquilizing drug.

She had obviously been out of the water for some time and was badly dehydrated.

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	49	£4,702	£4,973	£7,781
£15	18	£30,105	£58,902	£351,253
	35	£14,858	£20,329	£57,392
	49	£7,203	£7,618	£11,919
£20	18	£40,557	£79,353	£473,209
	35	£20,017	£27,387	£77,320
	49	£9,704	£10,263	£16,057
£25	18	£51,010	£99,806	£595,175
	35	£25,176	£34,446	£97,248
	49	£12,205	£12,908	£20,195
£30 (min. age 23*)	23	£50,114	£90,530	£437,067
	35	£30,335	£41,505	£117,175
	49	£14,706	£15,553	£24,333

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	49	£2,245	£3,602
£20	18	£40,281	£241,278
	35	£11,940	£34,101
	49	£3,024	£4,852
£25	18	£50,666	£303,482
	35	£15,018	£42,890
	49	£3,804	£6,103
£30 (min. age 23*)	23	£45,000	£218,501
	35	£18,095	£51,680
	49	£4,583	£7,353

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Amnesty spells out Yugoslav abuses

Amnesty International yesterday urged the Yugoslav Government to stop using laws limiting freedom of expression to arrest people for non-violent political actions (Reuter reports).

The London-based human rights group said in a report that since 1980 more than 500 people a year, many of them from ethnic minorities, had been found guilty of "political offences" and given prison sentences of up to 15 years.

In most cases those accused had neither used nor advocated violence, Amnesty said.

A number of people had been imprisoned for "hostile propaganda" on the basis of private conversations and letters, films and pamphlets they had produced and interviews given to foreign journalists, it said. Others had been arrested for bringing emigré journals into Yugoslavia or for speaking to emigrés while abroad.

Amnesty said it had adopted more than 200 detainees as prisoners of conscience, three-quarters of whom were ethnic Albanians from Kosovo province, on the border with Albania.

It gave the example of a high school student sent to prison for six years for "endangering the social order". Daut Rashani, aged 18, was alleged to have written poems and pamphlets "with hostile content"

According to the Yugoslav Government's own figures the majority of the 2,208 arrests between 1980 and 1983 were for "verbal offences", and many of them for "minor verbal offences" such as making jokes about government leaders.

The report said Dr Ivan Zografski, a 71-year-old Bulgarian medical specialist, was charged with "denying the existence of the brotherhood and unity of Yugoslavia's people" and referring in an insulting manner to the late President Tito.

Official Yugoslav press reports said the charges were based on conversations at Dr Zografski's home and in cafes and restaurants. He was sentenced to six-and-a-half years in prison, reduced by one year on appeal, Amnesty said.

The report also accused the Yugoslav Government of instances of cruel and degrading treatment of political prisoners and said some conditions of detention fell below the minimum rules for the treatment of prisoners set by Britain.

Hitch over Aquino trial

Manila (AP) – A court here yesterday postponed the cross-examination of a key witness in the Benigno Aquino assassination trial until June 6 at the request of her lawyers.

Mrs Rebecca Quijano, who testified that she saw a soldier shoot Aquino at Manila airport, was to have answered questions from lawyers defending the chief of the armed forces, General Fabian Ver, and 25 others accused of the murder.

"It's only yesterday that we began co-ordinating (with the prosecution) on the matter of security, and we have to do something more about that," one of her lawyers told the court.



Mickey moves in: President Reagan looking on as Mickey Mouse and Mrs Nancy Reagan exchange kisses at a Florida children's centre where they reviewed 20 marching bands in an inaugural parade

Spain tries to prove it is a Mickey Mouse place

From Harry Debelius
Madrid

Spanish tourist officials are rolling out the red carpet here for the second time this month for visiting executives of the Walt Disney Corporation in the hope that a multi-billion dollar investment project will not turn into a pumpkin.

Disney's Mr Lee Lancelle, director of business affairs, and Mr Jack Myers, marketing director, were scheduled to meet Spain's director general of tourist promotion, Señor Ignacio Vasallo, this week to gather more information before the organization makes up its mind whether to make French or Spanish dreams come true by planting the European version of Disneyland in Paris or on Spain's Mediterranean coast.

The decision is expected by August and Spanish officials have been engaged in a blur of activity worthy of animated cartoon characters to convince the Disney men that Spain is the right place for the two-billion-dollar "Eurodisney" which will be visited by 10 million people a year.

"Actually it's more a question of choosing between two concepts than choosing between countries", says Señor Vasallo. "If they opt for an amusement-park project in an area of concentrated population and relatively high income level, they'll go for Paris. If they want a big thematic complex, complete with other attractions such as golf, a yacht basin, beaches, convention facilities and a massive flow of tourists, with the touristic infrastructure already there, then Spain is the choice."

Several potential sites, from 20 to 80 square kilometres in size, have been scouted on Spain's east coast between Barcelona and Murcia, an area favoured by a mild and sunny climate, three major airports (Barcelona, Valencia and Alicante) and a motorway that links it with the rest of Europe. It is also in a zone already popular with holidaymakers, and within easy shuttle-flight distance of the Balearic Islands.

If Spain gets the nod, a billion-dollar construction job will begin almost immediately, to be finished in four years. Another billion dollars will be invested over the next 10 years to launch and develop the complex.

During the construction phase there will be jobs for over 10,000 Spaniards. The park will provide employment for 8,600. Peripheral employment is expected to result in 35,000 more jobs.

China abolishes free higher education to boost incentives

Peking, (Reuter) – China abolished free higher education and linked students' incomes to academic performance in a sweeping educational reform announced yesterday.

The ruling Communist Party gave universities greater freedom from central government control and promised graduates more say in choosing jobs.

Erasing the cherished leftist principle of free higher education, the Party Central Committee's *Decision on Educational Reform* said almost all college students will now have to pay for tuition, accomodation and other expenses.

The decision is aimed at boosting incentives for academic excellence as Chia seeks to groom a generation of experts to push through its ambitious economic modernization plans.

The document also set a goal of providing junior secondary school education throughout the country within 10 years. Primary education is almost universal, but only two-thirds of China's schoolchildren now go on to secondary education.

Instead of getting government grants based on parental incomes, college students will now have to compete for scholarships given according to academic ability.

The only students not to have to pay fees will be those studying to be teachers, those who are poor or those who face particularly tough job assignments after graduation, said the document, summarized by the New China news agency.

The move contrasts sharply with far-left policies under Mao Tse-tung, when intellectuals were treated with deep suspicion and all aspects of university life were strictly supervised.

The new plan aims for all urban children to attend secondary schools within six years, the agency reported. The state will spend more on schooling and encourage factories and individuals to donate funds for education.

The party said it would give universities greater choice on how to spend government money and would let them set their own curricula and teaching materials.

Instead of accepting top officials nominated by the Education Ministry, colleges can suggest their own, it said.

Man in the News

Hong Kong accord eases Zhao visit

From Mary Lee
Peking



Mr Zhao: Firmly installed as China's chief executive

Mr Zhao Ziyang, the Chinese Prime Minister, who arrives in London on Sunday, will find the backdrop to his visit very different from when his predecessor, Mr Hua Guofeng, came to Britain in 1979. Mr Hua is now in disgrace, pushed aside by Mr Deng Xiaoping, architect of China's economic liberalization and open-door policy.

Six years ago, the question of Hong Kong's future hung like a dark cloud over the two governments. That issue has been amicably settled under a much-hailed, if untested, "one country, two systems" solution, thought up by Mr Deng.

Besides, Mr Zhao's position as China's chief executive is not under threat, largely because his mentor, Mr Deng, is unassailable. Mr Zhao does not face a tricky political situation at home. There are rumours that he may be China's future President (he has been standing in for President Li Xiannian, who is ill, as head of state).

In the task of guiding China through an unprecedented economic reform programme, Mr Zhao does not stand alone. The signs are, rather, that those who are unhappy about the scope and speed of the reforms are in the minority.

Until he leaves Britain on June 8, Mr Zhao will keep a busy schedule which includes two rounds of talks with Mrs Margaret Thatcher, who has promised "an enormously warm welcome" for her Chinese counterpart, lunch with the Queen at Buckingham Palace (she has accepted an invitation to visit China next year), a meeting with leading industrialists and financiers, as well as a 24-hour visit to Edinburgh.

He is expected to fly north in a British Aerospace 146. The company recently signed a memorandum of understanding with the Civil Aviation Authority of China to sell 10 of these aircraft. Mr Zhao will also be giving a public lecture on June 6 at Chatham House.

The line he will take is one which has often been reiterated by both sides: that the satisfactory settlement of the Hong Kong question opens up new vistas for friendly co-operation with Britain. With the Sino-British accord on Hong Kong in force, Mr Zhao and Mrs Thatcher will use the occasion of his visit to affirm both governments' commitment to a smooth transition over the next 12 years, putting in place the foundations for what will become a special administrative region of China on July 1, 1997.

In foreign policy, British politicians will hear Mr Zhao arguing for Western European unity and promoting China as a force for peace. China believes a strong Nato will be an effective deterrent to Soviet expansionism.

Mr Zhao may well brief Mrs Thatcher on the lack of progress at the sixth round of Sino-Soviet normalization talks, but he is unlikely to voice strong anti-Soviet sentiments.

The cancellation of the port call by the US Navy earlier this month has helped maintain its professed "equal distance" policy to the superpowers.

Concern over rule under China

Tour by Eanes fails to stem Macao's anxieties

From David Bonavia, Macao

The one-day visit here by President Eanes of Portugal has helped clear uncertainties about the territory's future, but has left the Macao-born local community anxious about their prospects as citizens of a special administrative region of the People's Republic of China.

After more than 400 years of Portuguese administration, the Eurasian Macanese population cannot yet see what role there will be for those who do not emigrate to Portugal. A small minority amid the 98 per cent Chinese population, they hold petty or medium-grade administrative jobs, while officials from Lisbon are predominant in the senior posts.

This makes for extra problems which Macao's larger neighbour, Hong Kong, does not face to the same extent, despite Monday's exchange of ratification instruments in Peking, signalling the reversion of the British territory to China in 1997.

Hong Kong's administration is already to a large extent run by local Chinese who are expected to dominate the future special administrative region.

Most native Macanese cannot read or write Chinese, though they speak the Cantonese dialect fluently. If Chinese becomes, as it must, an official script of the Macao region, they will either have to learn it or seek jobs outside the administration.

Vice-Admiral Vasco Almeida E Costa, the Governor, has in the past maintained that the problem of Macao has nothing to do with that of Hong Kong. There is a clear impression, however, after President Eanes's talks in Peking that the two territories are considered by the Chinese leaders as very similar if not identical.

Diplomatic talks between China and Portugal, which are to begin next year, are expected to produce agreement that Macao will revert to Chinese sovereignty at about the same time as Hong Kong.

Macao's politics, parochial as they are, tend to concentrate on administrative problems, public spending, exposure of malfeasance and the appointment of high officials.

The wider questions of socialism and capitalism, citizenship and civil rights have not been seriously debated with regard to the reversion of sovereignty. The problems of adapting Portuguese law and translating it into Chinese are formidable.

None the less, Macao has seen much development in recent years, particularly in the vital tourism and gambling industries, and is stil a significant source of foreign exchange

Perhaps Peking will overlook its own puritanical principles and let the roulette wheel continue to spin.

● HONG KONG: Written submissions by Hong Kong people on the accord to revert to China in 1997 were destroyed yesterday to allay fears that they might fall into Chinese hands (Reuter reports).

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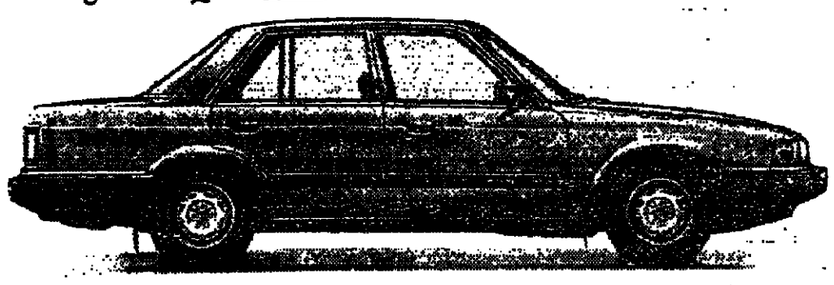
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On her way to becoming Austin Rover's Director of External Affairs, she has also been Managing Director of Herondrive, Female Executive of the Year and British Women's Racing Drivers Champion.

Not surprisingly, she is also a prominent activist in many bodies that seek to improve the lot of women in general and working women in particular.

With a daily schedule that usually starts at 5.30 and invariably ends around midnight, she's rarely out of the driving seat.

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"Its informed cynicism strips away the superficial gloss of the car world and always reminds the reader that cars are more about function than imagery."

Such heresy is, of course, quite common at Punch. Indeed, it is actively encouraged.

In the aforementioned Motor Show issue, Lord Montagu took time out to trace the myth of the notorious woman driver:

'Bertha Benz, wife of Karl Benz, got up secretly at 5 o'clock in the morning and drove without her husband's permission from Mannheim to Pforzheim.

She can rightly be called the first lady driver; rumours that she created the first traffic accident are quite unfounded.'

Mrs Denton was no doubt relieved to learn that this somewhat chauvinistic tack was balanced by L.J.K. Setright, when he highlighted the eccentricities of Ettore Bugatti:

'He reckoned that toes should enjoy the same dignities as fingers, and had shoes made with separate compartments for each one; he wore bowler hats of amazing colours; and he dismissed complaints about one of his cars' brakes by saying "I make my cars to GO, not to stop!"'

And David Taylor, our regular motoring correspondent, somehow manages to combine detailed technical specifications with typical Punch cheek:

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Of course, when Mrs Denton's had her fill of cars, she can always take refuge in the musings of Alan Coren, Benny Green, Frank Keating, Simon Hoggart, Hunter Davies, Clement Freud, Melvyn Bragg et al.

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For as Mrs Denton would no doubt concur, even people who live in the fast lane need to slow down now and again.



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THE ARTS

Television

A worm's eye view

Are they really going to eat worms? This question has been in the forefront of the nation's consciousness for several weeks, ever since **Behind the Lines** (BBC2) revealed that the survival training course for the Royal Marines Mountain and Arctic Warfare Cadre included instruction on the nutritional value of invertebrates.

Yesterday evening the men sent out to live off the inhospitable land of a Hebridean island dutifully exhibited two or three worms in a Tupperware box, along with a knot of furry caterpillers, but declared that they did not intend to eat them unless starvation threatened. They preferred potatoes and turnips scrounged from the peaty countryside, and rabbits caught in snares.

Most of the interviews concerned the subject of food, and the symptoms of chronic hunger which the young marines reported in line with their training; no sooner were they abandoned to fend for themselves among the gorse and rough grazing than they were overcome with fatigue, dizziness and disorientation according to their instructing officer's suggestion.

Apart from cranking up the suspense of the worms issue for another week, the programme served no useful purpose and laid a poor claim to the viewer's attention. There is a cadre within the BBC which continues to make documentaries about the lifestyle of the armed forces in the hope of reviving the admiration inspired by the first of the genre, *Sailor*.

The fascination of these series is the same as that of the classic National Service comedies of the Fifties – take an enclosed community made up of people from different cultural backgrounds and subject it to pressures and privations, and the result is a handily circumscribed crucible of society in which human beings will react together explosively. Television adores such cockpits of conflict; they fit handily into the evening's schedule.

In the case of *Behind the Lines*, however, the reagents are not proving very combustible. The men aspiring to the Royal Marines' intrepid squad are not fluent communicators and vivid exchanges have been as thin on the ground as the Hebridean rabbits. They gave perfunctory interviews and no amount of dated artistic photography could disguise the fact that very little of real interest took place under the bleak November skies.

The earthworms were all that remained for the viewer's interest, and it is a sad day when the audience of a prime slice of BBC2 depends on the possibility of a diet of worms.

Celia Brayfield

Dance: from Maurice Béjart to Britain's own young Michael Clark, **John Percival** finds the enthusiastic Paris scene bustling through the whole gamut of emotions

Another successful bullet in the ballet

The scene is an international dance competition. We are watching the eliminating rounds when a shot rings out and one of the competitors falls dead. Blackout – and when the lights go up the music we hear is Albrecht's entrance from Act II of *Giselle*, but the character arriving with slow circumambulations is a police inspector, puffing at a cigarette, hands stuffed deep into his trenchcoat pockets.

That is Maurice Béjart's little joke, or in fact one of many jokes in *Le Concours*, created for his company's Paris season at the Châtelet. Jorge Donn plays the inspector, bearded, puzzled, constantly hopeful about the next suspect, always unable to pin down the crime. In the end the corpse (Shonach Mirk) has to return, like Giselle's ghost, for a reconstruction of the crime.

Béjart calls *Le Concours* "un film" rather than a ballet. Manifestly it is nothing of the sort, but the definition at least indicates the genre of light entertainment he is offering. As choreography it is by no means his best, but as a show it is great fun with a lot of good dancing along the way.

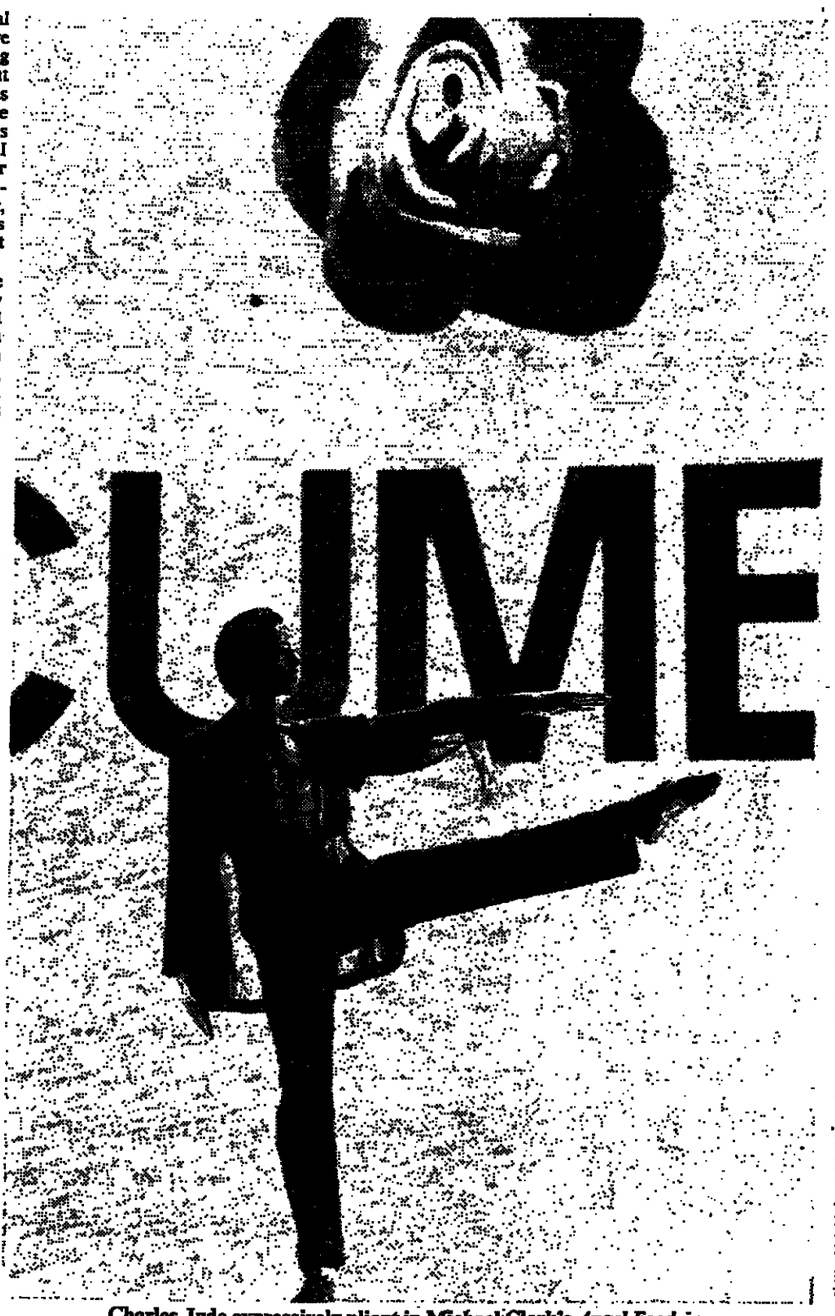
Much of it is provided in the flashbacks that mark the course of the investigation. Notable are Grazia Galante tearing a passion to tatters as the victim's mad ballerina mother, an affectionate duet for Mirk and young Marco Berriel as the lover who seduces her from her studies, and a solo for Patrice Touron as a magician, with conjuring tricks incorporated in the dance.

There are also several comic cameos: Coleen Neary as an exuberant American judge at the competition, Christine Anthony as the tyrannical ballet teacher, Zita Gordon-Gielgud as an interfering ballet mother. And Donn has one of the most unusual roles of his career – and certainly the funniest – as the inspector.

Hugues le Bars, whose music until now has been mostly songs for himself and scores for films, television or radio, has written a jocular score to supplement the extracts from famous ballets which Béjart puts to unexpected new uses, and Catherine Verneuil, formerly one of Béjart's soloists, has chosen stylishly apt clothes for the cast.

Béjart's following in Paris is such that most performances were almost sold out before the opening night; the best chance of seeing *Le Concours* is to catch it on the company's tours this year: Brussels, Warsaw and Lausanne are the first stops; no sign yet of a long-overdue London return engagement.

The crowds waiting hopefully outside the theatre each night for any returned tickets were matched by a similar throng on the other side of the Place du Châtelet outside the Théâtre de la Ville, now in the middle of its annual dance season. The two companies I caught were both from Germany, and for Pina Bausch's *Walzer* the house was so oversubscribed that the only seat available was actually on the side of the stage, right among the amazingly convincing dance-actors of her Wuppertal Dance Theatre.



Charles Jude expressively pliant in Michael Clark's *Angel Food*, in front of Bruce Gilbert's "Summer is icumen in" backcloth

Equally impressive was the Hamburg Ballet in John Neumeier's staging of Bach's *St Matthew Passion*. This is an extraordinary work, finding simple but apt movement to illustrate and often illuminate a theme and a score of the highest seriousness. Neumeier brilliantly sustains his balance (like a tightrope walker's) on the hazardously thin line that lies between blasphemy on the one hand and excessive piousness on the other.

It is a brave, imaginative and dedicated task, triumphantly carried out. The most striking images remaining in my mind are of the impassioned, twisting solos in which some of the men convey grief and horror, so vividly that the dances are almost painful to watch. Max Midlinet gives authority, compassion, patience and even an unexpected humour to the Christ figure.

Paris has long enjoyed far more visiting dance companies than London, but only recently has it had a lot of home-produced ballet damanding attention. During my latest visit there was a choice of three different programmes by the Ballet de l'Opéra. Nureyev's *Romeo and Juliet* was just completing a month's run at the Palais des Congrès with many new casts. I caught the débuts of Elisabeth Maurin, a heartbreaking young Juliet, and two fine Romeos, Manuel Legris and Laurent Hilaire.

In the longer term, I would guess that we are going to hear more of Alexandra Gonin, who played Lise in a production of *La Fille mal gardée* staged by Claude Bessy for the pupils of the Opéra's ballet school which she directs. It is a long time since I saw so lively, natural and convincing an account of the character. Among very able fellow graduates, Eric Camillo (whose sister has quickly become one of the Scottish Ballet's stars) attracted attention as Alain.

La Fille was given on a double bill with *Soir de fête*, an attractive suite of dances to Delibes music which showed off the skill of all the pupils and especially the talent of a group of young men. They played at the Opéra-Comique in alternation with the G.R.C.O.P., the Opéra's experimental dance group whose best work is by American and British choreographers.

The latest productions, by Michael Clark, Andy DeGroat and David Gordon, all begin better than they continue. Clark's *Angel Food*, however, marks a step in his swift career since it was made for three of the Opéra's male stars and shows two of them to especially good effect.

Patrick Dupond proves engagingly witty in the kind of solo that Clark might have made for himself, with many changes of pace and direction. Charles Jude, in a role originally intended for Nureyev, reveals a pliancy and expressive plastique that make his long slow solo, performed largely on the floor, the work's climax.

It is good to see, too, that Clark has found two collaborators whose irreverent inventiveness matches his own. Bruce Gilbert's score and backcloth both provide variations on "Summer is icumen in". Angela Conway dresses the dancers in black suits decorated with red roses, white ribbons or holes, with a transformation to white tights and tutu for Jean Guizerix, and a toy horse on a stick to project part of the time from Dupond's derrière. Foolish, but fun.

Concert

Albany Brass

Spitalfields

The Albany Brass Ensemble's collective ability and intelligence have already been well proven through their performances of the Quintets of Elliott Carter and Peter Maxwell Davies. Regrettably there was nothing of quite that musical quality in this programme. Instead they chose to fill the vast, echoing spaces of Christ Church with music whose unifying element seemed to be merely pleasantry, as was epitomized by Penderecki's *Capriccio*, a difficult but slight solo tuba piece apparently rescued from the dustbin by its performer on this occasion, James Gourlay.

In fact, quite the most substantial offering was, rather surprisingly, Richard Rodney Bennett's *Commedia IV* (1973). As in all the twentieth-century pieces in this recital, the scoring is admirably idiomatic, but more importantly allows itself to be heard as such. Bennett's design, a mosaic-like structure in which five groups of solos, duets and trios are interleaved between six tutti sections, relies on the simplest of structural principals; each player waits to take his turn. Yet the proportions of the piece are modest enough and the contributions of individual instruments well-characterized enough to make it work, and work well.

Beside this, Peter Racine Fricker's *Madrigals*, Op 89, composed for the group last year, sounded rather thickly scored; this acoustic hardly assists in elucidating textures. More crucially the music seldom rises above the humdrum, neither particularly offending nor particularly pleasing the ear, even though the last two movements seemed here richer in imagination than the first three.

If Fricker's work is modestly reticent, John Harle's *Miles and Miles*, receiving its first performance, asserts itself in the liveliest manner possible, helped considerably here by the presence of an athletic percussionist, Simon Limbrick. Obviously Harle's experience as saxophonist has influenced his language, and his enjoyment of jazz and his work with so-called minimalists is plain. But, although his attempt at producing something substantial is valiant, one is left pondering whether the intention is to make contemporary music into something populist or to turn jazz into something more esoteric than it really ought to be. Superlative performances all the way through, though.

Stephen Pettitt

London débuts

The British violinist **Jonathan Rees** studied at the Menuhin School and in New York at the Juilliard. His is rather a vigorous style, both as regards bowing and vibrato. In Bach's Double Concerto he was sensitively partnered by Charles Sewart, and the two managed to establish an effective dialogue with qualities of confidence and tonal refinement that captured the timeless message of the work. A tendency towards playing everything with intensity, however, at present appears to limit Rees's impact.

Andrew Knight's harp recital banished any misconceived expectations that I had of hearing a celestially rarefied evening of somnolent music. His Horngacher-Obermayer instrument is powerfully sonorous, and Knight tackles it with respect. Despite a few mishaps and a preponderance of transcriptions, the programme came off well. Especially striking was the première of Castelnuovo-Tedesco's rhapsody *The Harp of David*, which features a peculiar *mélange* of the Spanish guitar and the French Impressionist composers, but it emerged as overlong. Trnecek's fairly literal arrangement of the main melody from Smetana's *Vltava*, most conformed to my conception of harp music, and this journey into Elysium concluded the recital on a note of welcome unreality.

Gina McCormack, a violinist from South Africa, and the Hong Kong-born pianist **Lydia Wong** came together in sonatas by Mozart and Brahms, and in the Chausson *Poème*, aside from each tackling some solos. Miss McCormack, after a rather routine reading of Mozart's F major, K376, launched into the Bach unaccompanied Chaconne with an assured mastery that did her enormous credit. Had one been unfamiliar with the work, this performance would have told one nearly everything; it was thorough in all respects. Miss Wong, having provided fluent and well-detailed contributions in the Mozart, entered into quite a different world in the Chausson. Here it was she who grasped the idiom, the veiled mistiness of the first pages being ideal.

The bassoonist **Jean Owen**, who wishes to become an orchestral player, built her short recital around sonatas by Telemann and Saint-Saëns (the latter a very late work) and the Variations on an Arietta of Pergolesi by the Swiss Othmar Nussio, the old-fashioned titles of which – such as *tamburino* and *barbaresca* – bubbled into life. Miss Owen gives the impression of an almost physical unity with her instrument, Elgar's Romance being a compelling example of the tender expressiveness she can extract from her unwieldy companion. In terms of technique and sonority she leaves little to be desired, and her final sustained note in Rimsky-Korsakov's "Flight of the Bumble-Bee" was quite a feat in breathing.

James Methuen-Campbell

Rock

James Brown

Hammersmith Odeon

James Brown does not look or behave like a man who celebrated his fifty-second birthday this month, but, as the years pass by remorselessly, his show does begin to look a part of history. But such a history....

With 43 entries logged in the current *Billboard Book of US Top 40 Hits* (only Presley and the Beatles scored more), Brown has been authoritatively described as "black music's all-time No 1 artist". It is indicative of the ruthless competitiveness of the music industry that such a performer is presently without a recording contract, but equally a measure of Brown's indomitable spirit that he was back in town, larger than life, and leading his immaculately dressed and drilled 13-piece band before a full house.

The performance was a typical blend of bustling showmanship and musical excellence. The taut rhythmic patterns, so central to Brown's appeal, were executed with precision and gusto, never more so than on "Sex Machine", surely one of the most irresistible dance records ever made.

The choppy funk patterns were overlaid by razor-sharp horn pushes and Brown's stabbing gutteral vocals, and, although lyrics have never been his strongest suit, favourites such as "Papa's Got a Brand New Bag", "Get Up Offa that Thing" and "I Got You (I Feel Good)" left the audience in no doubt of his intentions.

The urgent dance songs were balanced by a selection of soul ballad classics, including a clever arrangement of "Georgia On My Mind". Although his famous dance steps are, not surprisingly, getting a little stiffer, Brown moved with sharp, charismatic authority, and still did the splits with commendable agility.

Brown belongs to a bygone era, an American world of brassy cheer-leading when dance music had nothing to do with a disco beat. Times have changed, but he remains a powerful and enthralling entertainer, an ageing slice of the real thing.

David Sinclair

The Value of Entertainment

Ambassadors Theatre

"A theatrical insight into the lives of five sets of ZTT entertainers: Art of Noise, Propaganda, Instinct, Andrew Poppy and Anne Pigalle", claimed the pretentiously worded handout. It was, more accurately, an insight into the glossy and shallow packaging of acts by the ZTT record label.

The five acts, comprising ZTT's entire roster excluding Frankie Goes to Hollywood, appeared and performed with precise timing and enviable musical facility. Instinct and Propaganda conformed most closely to received expectations of what constitutes an electric music group. Both sets of musicians played with cool, insular restraint, though Instinct's disciplined and skilful arrangements provoked considerably more interest than Propoganda's neatly-pressed avant-garde pop.

Andrew Poppy began and finished his single piece of music with an intriguing big-band film soundtrack pastiche, but sandwiched a long "textural" passage of such irredeemable monotony in between that many members of the audience were observed diving for the exits. Anne Pigalle's absurd caricature of a tragic French chanteuse was embarrassing to behold. With a succession of ham gestures she pouted and squawked with invulnerable abandon, laying waste to the memories of Edith Piaf and Mae West simultaneously.

Wedged in the middle of the evening was the nub of the affair, a recorded presentation of the music of Art of Noise, to which a trio of dancers cavorted engagingly. This music was the best all evening, but during it, unfortunately, the audience was subjected to a monologue by ZTT's Paul Morley. He explained among other things his philosophy towards marketing music – something to do with his belief that a spanner merits inclusion as an act on *Top of the Pops* – and exhorted everyone to join ZTT's "celebration of imagination" and ignore people such as himself. The latter was advice well taken.

David Sinclair

Theatre in New York: **Holly Hill** receives an encouragingly positive answer to the question whether Americans care about or can write good socio-political drama

Dreadful subject drained of nastiness and sickly sentiment



Humour in the face of death: Jonathan Hogan (left) and Jonathan Hadary in *As Is*

An alluring patient dying from a frightening disease and a devoted lover prepare to make love at the end of As Is (Lyceum Theatre). Another suffering couple make a ceremony of love near the close of The Normal Heart (Public Theater). Are we watching updated versions of *La Dame aux camélias*?

There are some similarities in the stories of doomed love and social ostracism, but the lovers in the new plays are homosexual and the disease they face is AIDS. Both works give positive answers to the oft-raised question of whether Americans care about or can write good socio-political drama.

As Is, Marshall W. Mason's Circle Rep production whose move to Broadway was welcomed by three Tony nominations (including Best Play and Director), is the more crafted, polished, commercially presentable work. Fittingly housed in Joseph Papp's Off-Broadway theatre, *The Normal Heart* is all ragged, but its edges are like shrapnel.

William M. Hoffman in *As Is* tells the story of a poet (the Tony nominee Jonathan Hogan) who deserts his fussy, rather ordinary long time lover (Jonathan Hadary) for an exciting youth, and is taken back "as is" when everyone else deserts him after he contracts AIDS. Dialogues between the lovers, from amusingly bitchy opening quibbles over property to fraught exchanges about suicide, are framed by monologues and scenes illustrating the larger community: other homosexuals, hotline and hospice volunteers, hospital staffs, business partners and family members.

Mr Hoffman's signature is mordant humour. The poet reminisces: "I once picked up a guy who liked to be yelled at in German. The only German I know is the 'Ode to Joy' from Beethoven's Ninth." Sick jokes whizz by: "Have you heard about AIDS? It turns a fruit into a vegetable." Applied in quick strokes, like moustaches drawn on public posters, the humour drains the subject of sentimentality.

Larry Kramer's tactics in *The Normal Heart* combine story-telling and guerrilla warfare. The audience is almost lost with a jargon-laden first scene between potential AIDS victims and a saintly, strident doctor. Characters often speechify against government officials, health care personnel, closet homosexuals and practically everyone who is not actively seeking to prevent and cure AIDS.

Such speeches, especially as screamed by too many of the actors, would be more likely to close than open minds and hearts were they not scattered through compelling scenes about individuals and relationships. Ned (Brad Davis), an anti-AIDS blowtorch-bearer, is an emotional cripple forced to explore his loving nature after a beguiling seduction scene with a *New York Times* reporter (D. W. Moffett) who could turn King Kong gay. Ned has a straight brother and several gay but less clamorous colleagues. Both foolish and brave, he ultimately stands alone, doing battle however he can.

Melodrama – a closet gay politician's threat to an activist's job – mixes with heartfelt outcries – the activist's plea not to the politician but to Ned not to destroy homosexuals' newfound freedom to live more openly and enjoy countless lovers by demanding that they practice abstinence to avoid spreading AIDS. The last scene is shattering. I was entertained by *As Is* and left it moved and thoughtful; I was vexed by *The Normal Heart's* heavy-handed and clumsy patches but left it uplifted and haunted. The subject of AIDS gave both plays relevance and urgency, but only as embodied in characters and relationships did the subject and its socio-political reverberations become vibrant theatre.

Alive in a different sense, and considerably smoothed and burnished since I saw its opening night last June, is Clifford Williams's production of Aren't We All? (Brooks Atkinson Theatre). Rex Harrison and Claudette Colbert, who have just been given a special Drama Desk Award "for the continued pleasure of their company", have grown even younger. Jeremy Brett makes the rather dour husband attractive and charming, while Lynn Redgrave as his wife is fresh and lovely.

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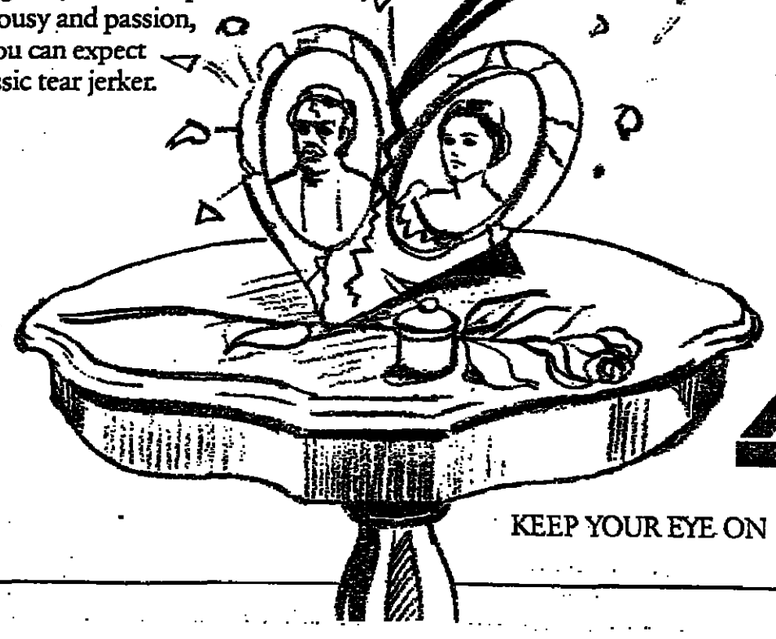
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Paul Vallely visited a Sudanese refugee camp for 60,000 people set in a grey and dusty wilderness

Struggle for life in a wasteland



Wordless guide to a strange new world: Gebre Gersaret, a nine-year-old boy in a wolf cub sweater

Only a generation ago the vast plains to the south of Kashimel Girba were covered in forest. But man's need for firewood and the insidious encroachment of the desert have altered the landscape beyond recognition. Today only the occasional shrub breaks the steady progress of the eye across a vista of unending grey sands.

The place is plagued by fierce dust storms. The night I slept there – in the bed of a doctor who had been sent back to the city to recover from a mysterious illness which everyone assumed to be caused by constant inhalation of the fine grey dust – one such *haboob* struck. The clouds of sand blotted out the large African moon and the wind grabbed fiercely at the plastic sheeting which covered the straw roof of the open-sided shelter.

The next morning a thick layer of the dust lay over everything. It had insinuated itself everywhere – between our teeth as we slept, into the food, into clothes wrapped tightly in plastic bags and had even driven itself into a suspension in the drinking water. Girba did not seem like a place where anyone could live.

Yet it is here that 60,000 people will make their home for the next year and perhaps longer. The empty plain is now known as Girba Central camp and it is being filled with those who have fled from the famine and war in Ethiopia in what is thought to be the largest organized mass movement of refugees anywhere in the world during the past decade.

In recent weeks international aid workers and officials of the Sudanese Commission of Refugees have been organizing the transportation of almost a quarter of a million people from the ill-prepared reception centres like Wad Kowli and Wad Sheriffe, which sprang up spontaneously on the border, to camps which will be easier to supply with food and water when the rainy season begins in a couple of weeks and the border camps become virtually inaccessible from the main road which brings the food aid from Port Sudan.

Finding suitable sites has not been an easy task. The prerequisites are a good water supply, space, and above all, a site which is not already occupied. Looking at Girba it is not difficult to see why there was no one there already.

And yet there were objections to placing refugees even in this barren wilderness. The Army insisted that plans to house 180,000 Ethiopians there should be reduced to only 60,000 because Girba with its lake and newly-constructed dam was a strategically important target supplying, as it does, water and power to most of the east of Sudan. The security forces objected on the grounds that the refugee groups might contain "subversives" who would have to be allowed to travel to the camp on the road across the dam which is guarded by formidable batteries of anti-aircraft weaponry and an impressive radar dish which never seems to turn.

Even the few indigenous Sudanese villagers along the shore of the lake who were told they would benefit from the new roads, pipelines and other services created for the camp insisted that it be moved farther away because it was to be occupied by Tigreans, a primitive people they said, who would bring disease and would defecate in the lake.

Refugees from the largely Christian province of Tigre have found far less of a welcome in Sudan than have their fellow Ethiopians from the province of Eritrea, the majority of whom are Moslems like their Sudanese neighbours; the refugee officials have established a policy that in camps for Tigreans, unlike in those for Eritreans, no permanent structures may be erected, and when local tradesmen who had set up tea-shops and stalls in Eritrean camps were asked to do the same in Girba Central they declined on the grounds that: "These are not our people".

I arrived in Girba the night before it was due to receive its biggest influx of newcomers to date. They were to be transferred from Wad Kowli, a camp which at one time had more than 70,000 inhabitants but which now has fewer than 30,000. In preparation aid workers from the four groups which run the camp – Oxfam, its Australian equivalent Community Aid Abroad, the Irish charity Concern and a British group called Christian Outreach – were meeting to discuss the minutiae of running a refugee camp. Should they buy fruit for those children who needed therapeutic feeding or would that just clean out the local markets and raise prices? How were the plans going to swap one big water tanker for two small ones owned by a neighbouring camp? What speed limit should they impose on the road between the ranks of tents: a child had been killed recently by a lorry in another camp? What was behind the suggestion by local officers of the refugee's own organization the Relief Society of Tigre (REST) that all the trained workers imported from the old camp should be sacked and replaced by inexperienced refugees?

They were in bed by 10pm. It would be a long day, tomorrow, with a 5am start to meet the newcomers. And first there would be the *haboob* to weather.

Dawn broke to reveal that the fierce storm had taken a toll in its passing. Scores of the sturdy brown tents erected for the incoming refugees had been flattened and lay in their ranks like discarded piles of clothes in a dormitory. But there was nothing to be done now. The first of the lorries was arriving.

No one was quite sure how many lorries had left Wad Kowli the night before but when they reached the staging post at Showak, where their occupants rested through the coldest hours of the night and waited for the road over the dam to open, there had been two or three vehicles missing.

The Sudanese lorry drivers were grinning cavalier characters who gave every appearance of being paid by the load rather than by the hour. They raced down the broadening dirt track at great speeds with plumes of dust billowing in their wake, covering the occupants of the following vehicles with sand, before braking abruptly as they careered around to the reception centre to discharge their hapless cargo.

There were 39 lorries in all, each with some 40 or 50 refugees huddled behind its barred sides. With speedy confidence the drivers unlatched the gates at the back and swung them open. By contrast, the Tigreans, their lives' possessions wrapped in trifling little bundles, emerged slowly and stiffly, peering cautiously about them like people emerging into the light from a dark cave. They stood and looked at those of us who were already there much as the anxious tenant might regard a rapacious landlord, with a mixture of resentment and respect.

Aid workers quickly divided those in need of urgent medical attention from those who could survive the lengthy period of registration. The inspections were, of necessity, cursory; there are thousands of people to deal with in this camp and, in any case, even an elementary diagnostic measure like taking a patient's temperature is impractical – in the heat of Girba it is impossible to get the thermometers down below 110 degrees F.

The scale of adult malnutrition that day surprised the health workers and it quickly became clear that about a quarter of the entire population was also suffering badly from scurvy. The vitamin C deficiency which caused it was also responsible for a large number of slow-healing sores and abscesses. Inside the clinic an Australian doctor, Mike Toole, was examining a handsome young man whose physique seemed strong enough but whose limbs were stiffened with pain. The man winced whenever his swollen legs were touched. "This scurvy is bad. He can't walk at all. But with vitamin C he should recover completely. We have ordered massive supplies."



Wandering child: One of the tiny waifs of the campsite

Diarrhoea, tuberculosis and malaria were, apart from sheer malnutrition, the major problems among the newcomers. "We will do what we can to treat their existing ailments and try to build them up before they succumb to the chest and eye infections which all this dust will soon cause", said a health worker, with a bitter smile.

Outside the clinic two Concern workers, John Cosgrave and Dominic McSorley, discussed the options for camp sanitation. Both men were experienced in similar work, one in Ethiopia, the other in Thailand. Their first suggestion had been ruled out by the Sudanese because it did not fit in with local regulations. The alternative offered by the local health officer had been rejected by the United Nations as being a grossly unrealistic underestimate. "This is a McAlpine size contract," commented Cosgrave.

As they spoke they were constantly approached by newcomers who presented papers to the Europeans. "They're letters of recommendation", explained McSorley. "These men were grave watchers at Wad Kowli. They want work here now." Employing refugees to watch the burial plots is the only reliable way of ascertaining how many people die every day, the only constant index to the health of the camp.

"Send them to Community Aid Abroad. They are in charge of that, though I don't think they are employing any yet", said Cosgrave. They would need to soon. That day 14 of the newcomers died.

Among the rows of tents little bands of children were wandering, exploring the new terrain. Their mothers had already lit tiny fires from their precious wood stocks and were roasting wheat grains or cooking pancake bread on thin metal sheets resting over the flames. They were not happy to be in Girba but were clearly resigned to it. They had chosen to come here when faced with the alternatives of Girba, with its heat and dust, or returning to Tigre as many of their fellows have done.

"These people have not given up by coming to Girba", said Megesha Kahsay of REST. "They say there is no food in Tigre. They don't know whether there is rainfall or whether there is seed available. If they hear there is rain and there are seeds many of them will leave for Tigre too."

In the meantime the refugees of Girba prepared to make the best of things. As I walked around the camp little knots of children gathered and, taking my hands, acted as wordless guides to their new world.

One, a tiny nine-year-old boy whose name was Gebre, was wearing a little wolf cub sweater which still bore the legend of the 3rd Bath MCJS, Somerset, troop. He did not understand when I smiled at the badges of achievement across his arm. But then there is a lot about his present life on this dusty futureless plain that Gebre Gersaret does not understand. Still, in reply, he offers his hand and smiles.

Hindley decision backed by poll

A plea for parole by the Moors murderess was refused last week. A poll for *The Times* asked whether the public supported the ruling

Massive public opinion supports the decision of the Parole Board and Mr Leon Britton, the Home Secretary, not to release Moors murderess Myra Hindley who with her lover Ian Brady, was jailed for life in 1966 for child killings that repulsed the nation.

A dramatic 83 per cent of people from all walks of life agree that Hindley should remain in prison until her sentence is reviewed by the Parole Board in five years time, according to an NOP poll for *The Times*.

But the unusually high weight of public feeling against Hindley's parole will not affect Lord Longford's efforts to secure her freedom.

"It is a stupid question to put to the public, who don't know Myra Hindley", said Lord Longford who intends to return in the House of Lords to the question of the Parole Board not giving reasons for turning down a prisoner's request for parole.

"I saw Miss Hindley after the Parole Board decision and obviously she was most upset", added Lord Longford, who has visited her for 15 years. "She convinced members of the local committee who reported to the Parole Board that she was a different person and it's an opinion shared by all those who meet her. How can the public comment on someone they don't know?"

A Home Office spokesman said: "We don't usually comment at all on public opinion polls but we are aware of the enormous public concern and interest in this case. The Home Secretary doesn't enter into discussion of individual cases other than to Parliament as is proper and laid down, but in all cases of life imprisonment we listen to the advice of the Parole Board."

Hindley, now in Cookham Wood Prison, Kent, where the walls of her cell are adorned by religious pictures, was convicted of killing Lesley Ann Downey, aged 10, and Edward Evans, 17, receiving two concurrent life sentences together with a further concurrent seven years jail for involvement in the murder of a 12-year-old boy.



Myra Hindley: Reformed?

The evidence included two suitcases of pornographic books, nude photographs of one of the victims and a harrowing tape recording of Lesley as she was tortured and sexually assaulted by the couple before being killed.

Hardened court observers suffered nightmares for months after the trial ended and photographs of Lesley's body, taken the day after it was unearthed on Saddleworth Moor, were not shown to the woman chairman of Hyde Magistrates' Court, Cheshire, on police advice.

Geoffrey Dickens, MP for Saddleworth in the Peak District, where Brady and Hindley buried their victims, said the Parole Board decision not to release Hindley was well received in the area. "My constituents are delighted. They have strong memories. It is as if these events happened only yesterday."

Brady, now 44 and a top security Category A prisoner, does not want parole but Hindley wishes to be free. She was 23 and infatuated with Brady when intensive police searches for the bodies of missing children on the lonely Pennine moors led them to Ian Brady. Now, at 42, she has convinced clergymen and Lord Longford that she is a reformed person. She has not been classified as dangerous for 12 years, has returned to her lapsed Roman Catholicism and is described as a "devoutly religious woman".

At Holloway Prison she convinced the governor Mrs Dorothy Wing of her new-found reform and was taken by Mrs Wing for a drive and a walk on Hampstead Heath – an act which brought a public rebuke from Robert Carr, then Home Secretary.

She tried to escape from Holloway Prison in 1974, but then settled back to her routine as a lifer by obtaining an honours degree from the Open University. Now she spends her days in the library at Cookham Wood.

As memories of the gruesome killings faded from the public eye the horror of the crime has not been forgotten by Lesley Ann Downs's mother, Mrs Ann West. When the question of parole came up in the 1970s (it was later turned down) Mrs West collected a petition of 27,000 signatures to counter Lord Longford's efforts to obtain Hindley's release.

Like a chaplain at one of the prisons where Hindley had been held, Mrs West was convinced that her daughter's murderess held the power to trick and manipulate people.

Suzanne Greaves

POLL RESULTS

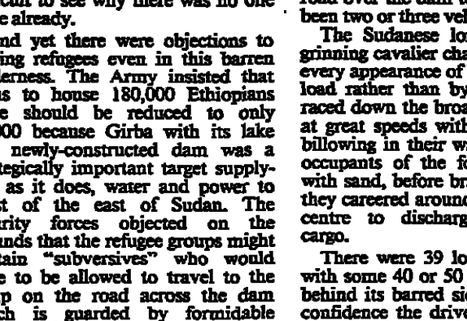
The question: As you may know the life sentence of Myra Hindley was recently reviewed and turned down by the Parole Board to be reviewed again in five years time. Do you think she should have been released or not?

Should have been released	8%
Should not be released	83%
Don't know	9%
Breakdown of sexes:	
Should not be released – women	85%
Should not be released – men	80%
Should be released – men	10%
Should be released – women	7%
Households with children:	
Should be released	7%
Should not be released	84%
Households without children:	
Should be released	9%
Should not be released	82%
Social class breakdown:	
Middle class ABC 1:	
Should be released	11%
Should not be released	78%
Upper working class C 2:	
Should be released	6%
Should not be released	89%
Classes DE:	
Should be released	6%
Should not be released	84%
Age groups:	
Over 55 years old:	
Should be released	6%
Under 55:	
Should be released	9%

The poll was taken on a telephone sample of 1,003 people on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

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Can Arthur end the battle of the sexes?

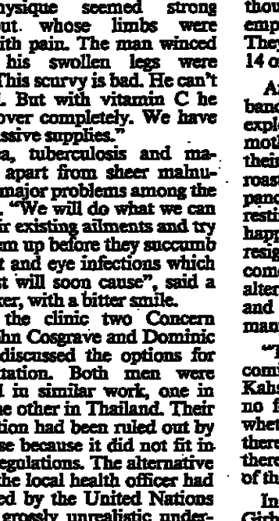
The Coalition of Free Men (UK branch) is in session 24 hours a day, seven days a week. All its motions are passed unanimously, and with a minimum of debate. The meetings are attended by 100 per cent of the membership which is not hard given that its president, secretary, treasurer, and rank and file are composed of a solitary Hampshire housewife called Arthur.

Arthur Murray is an unemployed 40-year-old, an affable and rather donnish figure, living quite shamelessly, even proudly off his teacher wife, Mary Livingstone, and attempting, when housework permits, to emulate in Britain the spectacular success of the coalition in the US. So far, his failure is absolute. Periodically he asks half a dozen of his friends to commit themselves to a programme of meetings, but no one turns up. He is also under attack from his wife, a veteran feminist, for the poor standard of his washing up.

Although they have only been married a few months, their rows bear the stamp of a lifetime's rehearsal, like a pair of party leaders locked into their stances – Kinnock and Thatcher gone private. With the big difference that Arthur Murray and Mary Livingstone approve in principle of the other's ideology. They also happen to be in love with each other. As with the nuclear debate, both sides say they want peace – they just can't agree on how to get it.

Despite the overwhelming evidence of apathy, the British masculist movement is not an entirely dead duck. It just hasn't got very strong wings yet. There is an organization called Backlash, which, as the name implies, sets out to reclaim some of the ground flooded by the tidal advance of feminism in the post-*Female Eunuch* decade. It is a sort of philosophical offshoot from the Campaign for Real Divorce, which started life as a formalized *cri de coeur* for a gender suddenly finding itself at the rough end of legal settlements after marriage breakdowns.

Arthur Murray's notion is to form something rather broader and more militant: "If you're a political movement, like we are", he says with a distinctly royal use of the first person plural, "there's two things. There's the fun of knocking the opposition." (An approving nod from Mary at this point.) "And then there's the much harder bit of saying: 'We're not exactly perfect ourselves. How do we go about changing?' You ask me what my manifesto is. Well, I think it's twofold: number one: 'We're not here to win the battle of the sexes, we're here to end it.' And number two: 'If men are on women's side, and women are on women's side, who is on men's side?'."



Mary and Arthur: Both wear the trousers

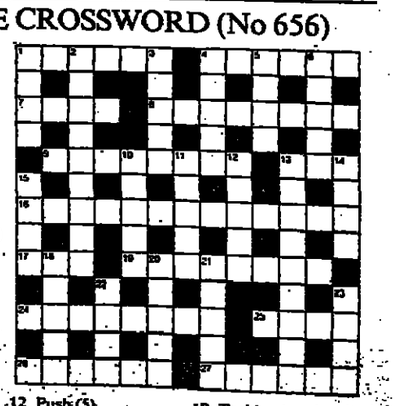
Suddenly it all sounds rather serious, particularly if you consider – as I do, and as I suspect he himself also does – that Arthur regards the whole business of sexual politics as a glorious game with which to fill the long hours between domestic chores. None the less, the American Coalition of Free Men, which is after all the model for Arthur's embryo, is nothing if not serious. It now claims 800 affiliated men's groups throughout the States.

Themes discussed in the States seem light years away from Arthur Murray's group of non-attenders. And yet, since we seem to import so many social and cultural phenomena from America, surely we should be bracing ourselves for a wave of masculism. Arthur, at least, is prepared: "Let us develop this thing logically. In the Third World, people don't live as long as they do in the West. Now, in most countries the women outlive the men. In America, I believe the difference is about 10 years and over here, something like six and a half. The only large-scale preventive medicine funded by the NHS is for women. I'm thinking of things like cervical screening. Now, if all these resources are being devoted to prolonging women's lives, why can't some resources be found for doing the same with men?

"There's the other sort of screening, isn't there? The screening of producing manuals which say: 'Slow down. Why are you living at this ridiculous rate? You'll kill yourself'. Look at the stuff the Health Education Council puts out. There are about 70 booklets, of which 15 are devoted to women and the rest to both sexes. None to men."

Alan Franks

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25 Factory (4)
26 Scanty (6)
27 Religious address (6)

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5 Verse writer (4)
6 French school (5)
10 Let in (5)
11 Pollex (5)
12 Push (5)
13 Witchdoctor religion (9)
14 Sheep hair (4)
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18 Tashkent native (5)
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Why stress can be good for you

Not all stress is harmful. Sometimes it can prove a lifesaver. It affects men and women differently and is not merely a bosses' disease. Maggie Drummond reviews a new book on how to cope with it


Wendy Hollo

"I hate the word stress", declares Dr Audrey Livingstone Booth – a comment that seems a little odd from someone who has just produced a book on the subject. "I hate it because it has become such a fashionable thing – everyone is jumping on the bandwagon. Pick up any newspaper or magazine and you'll find something about stress – usually telling us how bad it is. It's a lot of codswallop. The fact is that stress is good: it can be a lifesaver and we can't function properly without it. I wrote the book to dispell some of the myths."

Stressmanship – "awful title, isn't it?" – is a self-help guide and what she really wants to get over to people, she says, is that what is rather loosely termed "stress" (she thinks "strain" is a better word) is really a very complex mix of causes and symptoms – far more complex than most "pop" variations on the theme allow.

Yes, there is a lot of "stress" around: "But what people need to know is what causes it, what is dangerous (and what isn't) and how to cope with it and use it.

"I first started to think seriously about stress in the early 1970s when I was lecturing on preventive medicine. At that time, 12 medical schools were being amalgamated into six. Lots of my colleagues were in the strange position of having to apply for their own jobs as part of the reorganization. Now the effect of that was a real eye-opener. I lost two professional colleagues with coronaries and others started to fall by the wayside and I thought: 'Goodness, stress is at the bottom of all this'.

"Then other things started falling into place – like colleagues had often asked me why they always went down with colds or got a rash at the end of term and during the vacation. It became quite clear that change was one of the great causes of stress, and adapting to change causes strain.

"It's really like driving an old car. You can keep it teetering along but sell it to another, different, driver and it conks out."

Nearly everyone, she contends, suffers from stress to a greater or lesser extent at some point in their lives, but they often don't realize it. One reason is that someone living or working under pressure manages, until the pressure is off. "Take someone nursing a terminally ill relative, for instance. They seem to cope and while they need the strength they can get it, but they are using up their resources. It's afterwards, when things ease up a bit, that you start to get the illnesses. I haven't quite worked out why this is so, but I have seen it happen time and time again."

> **"You start to get the illness when things ease up"**

She herself is no stranger to stress: she had a disastrous first marriage. "There was this awful conflict. My weight went down to 6½ stone – I kept leaving and then going back. When I was away I used to think: 'It must have been something I said.'"

Her second husband was a very wealthy man, who went bankrupt and dropped dead of a heart attack while he was talking to her. "I'm certain that it was the stress of losing all his money that caused it. I certainly suffered from stress at the time – but of course I didn't know it. It wasn't a recognized 'thing' then. I just thought life was a bit grim and awful."

Her career and qualifications she describes as "a terrible mixture" – a training first in nursing, then tropical medicine, then health education. Her doctorate is in neuro psychology.

In 1981, when she gave up full-time lecturing after her third marriage, she started the Stress Foundation. So far it has concentrated on the problems of stress in industry (which funds it), holding courses for management and training people from companies.

The foundation attracted lots of letters from individuals asking for help, so Dr Livingstone Booth decided to write a book.

"Everything I read about stress for public consumption described it as the 'fight or flight' reaction. Typically the example will be primitive man faced with a charging rhino – it's the very fast and automatic defence mechanism that gets you out of trouble in a crisis. There's the highly dangerous myth that somehow this is the thing you must control, but you shouldn't – it's a lifesaver. You wouldn't, for instance, survive a major operation without it.

"Then there is the feeling of power you get when you are determined to do something. You sit up all night studying for exams and somehow you find the energy to do it. This is normal and good.

> **"It's the little things that really bother people"**

"What is dangerous is the other stage of stress which is emotional. Not 'I want to do something' but 'I have to' or 'I can't escape from'. Really this is the thing to latch on to. You need this potential for power and energy to survive, but if you use it on the wrong things you won't have it when you need it. It's like running out of petrol."

Her book contains lists of questions for readers to answer, designed to help people to get to the bottom of what is really bothering them. "One of the things I discovered through working with industry was that you received the research, all nice and tidy listing the causes of stress – career frustration and so on. But I always get people to write things down and I discovered it wasn't these things that bothered them. It was the little things – the fear of being late for an appointment, the worry that public transport might not get you there on time, the aggravation of being stuck in traffic jams."

One of the problems of generalizing about stress is that it is quite different for each individual. "If you are a bank clerk but you hate the routine life in an office, you are going to feel awful going in each morning. But another person may love the security of that kind of job and thrive on it."

What most people in pressure jobs or difficult social circumstances have to live with, according to the book, is "stage stress", and one of the most fascinating parts of *Stressmanship* details how prolonged feelings of stress affect our bodies. If you have prolonged periods of stress the body produces cortisols which break down the fats and sugars to provide a useable form of energy. Unless these are used up by physical work or exercise they silt up the cells, resulting in that awful feeling of tiredness and sometimes even danger to the arteries. Signs that this is happening are a craving for spicy foods and chocolate, over-fondness for that next drink and increased smoking.

What the book says is that if you are more or less permanently in stage 11 stress, exercise like jogging or swimming is absolutely essential to counteract it. And it's all good sense. Well into her sixties now, Dr Livingstone Booth is herself a splendid advert for the benefits of the exercise she so assiduously promotes in the book.

The second part of the book deals with controlling stress and using it properly – through relaxation techniques, exercise and diet.

"The worst thing is that stress has become a popular subject but without people really understanding it. You are now getting these awful catchphrases like the businessman saying: 'It's only my stress that keeps me going' or silly things like: 'If I haven't had a coronary by 30 I can't be doing very well'. It's the sort of bravado people used to have about smoking – joking about it instead of really taking it seriously."

Stressmanship by Dr Audrey Livingstone Booth is published on May 30 by Severn House, price £4.95.

The Emperor duck strikes back



Shona Crawford Poole

An early spy in the sky reported snow over Lincolnshire in July. What it had spotted were drifts of ducks reared in the open in the days of outdoor production at Cherry Valley. From hatchery to farm to processing plant the 155,000 ducklings hatched each week now will be just 48 days on this earth.

Duvet fillings provide a ready market for all those white feathers today and even the feet fetch a good price in the Chinese restaurant trade. But don't joke with duck producers about selling everything except the quack. The tongues are served with chopsticks too.

Selective breeding has gradually changed the character of the 7½ million oven-ready ducks we buy each year from Cherry Valley. The proportion of meat to bone has risen and the proportion of fat has gradually dropped. Now an even leaner duck, developed by Cherry Valley of Lincolnshire for Marks and Spencer and called an Emperor duckling, is being trial-marketed in 25 of the chain's stores. It is a home-grown answer to the dark-fleshed Barbary ducks imported from France.

Duck breast fillet, *mâgret de canard*, cooked pink and very often dressed with fruit, appears on the menu of almost every restaurant with pretensions to fashion. The raw materials are available in good butchers and many supermarkets too and, priced at about half the cost of fillet steak, are increasingly popular.

Whether you buy a whole duck and remove the fillets – using the legs for another dish and the carcass for stock – or plump for the fillets alone, the



Barbary or Emperor ducklings are the first choice because the layer of fat between the skin and lean meat will be thin.

With all the concern about fat of every kind, it is tempting to skin duck fillets and grill or fry them without additional fat or butter. But cooked this way the meat does not taste so distinctively duck-like. It seems that the Chinese are quite right and that much of the flavour is in the skin and fat.

I tried poaching skinned fillets in a strong duck stock and was disappointed with the result, which was surprisingly insipid considering the quality of the duck and stock.

A surprise of a different kind is that the duck producers take a dim view of the chefs' practice of serving duck pink. Salmonella is a risk, they say, if only a very remote one where good kitchen hygiene eliminates the possibility of cross-contamination from other sources.

From the cooks' point of view the problem is different. It is difficult to cook well-done breast fillets which are tender too. If you like duck well done, it may be better to roast it.

Mâgret de canard au porto
Serves 2

- 2 duck breast fillets
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon clarified butter or oil
- 120ml (4 fl oz) port
- 120ml (4 fl oz) duck or chicken stock
- 30g (1oz) butter or 1 teaspoon potato flour to thicken

Lightly season the fillets. Heat the clarified butter or oil in shallow pan and seal the meat quickly on both sides. Reduce the heat and cook the duck skin-side down until it is almost done. Turn it over and cook the other side, then keep the meat warm while you make the sauce. This rest allows it to settle, like a roast, so that when the meat is sliced the juices will run less freely.

Put the port in a small saucepan and reduce it by boiling to just over one tablespoon. Add the stock and continue boiling until the mixture is reduced to about six tablespoons. Thicken the sauce by adding slivers of cold butter and incorporating them into the liquid by shaking the pan on very low heat. Or mix the potato flour with a tablespoon of port or stock and add it to the sauce. Cook the sauce gently for another minute when thickening it with potato flour. Check the seasoning.

To serve the duck, put the fillets skin-side down on a board and slice the meat at a diagonal, like smoked salmon, then turn it over again. Put a little of the sauce on each of two plates and fan out the meat on top of the sauce.

The sweetness of new potatoes and mange-tout peas are popular accompaniments to duck. Or with the sweet-sharp port-flavoured sauce you may like the contrasting, almost bitter flavour of small white turnips.

It is hard to think of a fruit that has not been served with duck. Oranges and cherries – preferably Seville oranges and sharp cherries – are old favourites. Mangoes, kiwi fruits, blackcurrants, figs and raspberries are newer notions.

The clean taste of lightly cooked cucumber is excellent, too, with the rich flavour of duck.

Mâgret de canard aux concombres
Serves 2

- 1 cucumber
- 2 duck breast fillets
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 45g (1½oz) butter

Cut the ends off the cucumber and cut it into four equal pieces. Peel them, discard the seeds, and slice the flesh into sticks about the thickness of a pen or pencil.

Lightly season the fillets and cook them in a small amount of butter, as in the previous recipe. Make sure the skin is crisp. Keep the duck warm while you cook the cucumber.

Rinse out the pan and add the remaining butter. Add the cucumber and cook it gently, shaking the pan often, until it is tender but still has a bite of crispness. Season it.

Slice the duck diagonally, as described earlier, and fan out the slices from a mound of cucumber.

A little thinly sliced warm *mâgret* goes a long way in the kind of luxurious salad that is often offered as a first course. In this guise one breast fillet would be enough for at least four people. Add a few plumped raisins and vinaigrette dressing to an interesting selection of salad stuffs and arrange the dressed salad on the plates before topping them with slivers of duck.

Workers who take the strain



The lowest grade of civil servants includes 114,900 white collar workers including clerical assistants, juniors, messengers. They have a risk factor of premature death from coronary heart disease of 3.8 compared with top grade.
The next grade up, of clerical officers, is the second biggest grade, with 176,400 staff in large departments. Their risk factor is 3 times that of the top grade officers of whom there are 21,921.
Executive officers, a rung higher, are the equivalent of middle management, with jobs such as customs and excise officers, tax officers. There are 199,200 of them, the biggest section. Their risk factor is 2.

Stress at work is not the "boss's disease" and the victims of heart attacks are more likely to be in the lower-paid, more junior ranks of the office or factory.

The popular belief that top executives are the prime candidates for coronary heart disease and other stress-related illnesses has been challenged by a study of civil servants.

The study found that staff in the lowest grade of the service, such as messengers and clerical assistants, are nearly four times more at risk of premature death from heart conditions than the civil servants in the loftiest positions.

The risk factor cannot be explained away by taking into account other contributory reasons such as smoking or diet. The evidence suggests that the ordinary worker is more likely to be affected by stress in his or her job.

"We should be looking more at those people who are pushed around at work rather than those who do the pushing", says Dr Adrian Semmence, medical adviser to the Civil Service. "It's a common misconception that the higher up the management ladder you go, the more you are vulnerable to harmful stress."

The civil service study was begun in 1968 and has been followed through since then. The latest work, which concentrated on a sample of 1,280 male and female staff in the Department of the Environment, compared heart disease deaths in all grades.

In the next phase of the study, beginning in August, researchers will try to identify a group of individuals within the service who are most at risk, such as those showing symptoms of high blood pressure.

Some of them will then be offered tuition in relaxation and meditation techniques to see whether their risk can be decreased.

Women under pressure

Career women are much less successful than their male counterparts at giving up smoking, according to the Health Education Council. The reason can by summed up in one word – stress. Stress strikes both men and women who do demanding jobs, but it does not strike equally.

When Dr William Mitchell, a clinical psychologist, counsels a man who is stressed, he finds the problem usually relates to work. Female clients, however, are likely to be fighting on a second front as well – facing feelings of inadequacy both in and out of the home.

It is therefore hardly surprising that career women are clinging to the tobacco habit, despite the well-publicized hazards. In men, smoking rates increase as you move down the social scale. In women the numbers who smoke are much the same – about 38 per cent – through all socio-economic groups.

Research has shown that women are more likely to perceive themselves as being under stress than are men. They are more likely to light up a cigarette when they are emotionally disturbed, while men are more likely to indulge because it is a pleasant habit.

Dr Mitchell, of London's Charter Clinic, says that qualities which lead to success in business – high standards, competitiveness and the sacrificing of personal pleasures for long-term goals – provoke stress. Women are more susceptible than men to the pressures involved.

Dr Mitchell explained "To be a successful female manager you have to be an extraordinary person, and usually much more able than your male counterparts.

"The trouble is that women like this are not happy with second best in any area of their lives. They come home and think they must produce excellent meals in an immaculate house and be perfect entertainers of their guests.

"It is important to control this tendency to demand perfection in all areas. High standards can be obsessional."

He tries to teach his female patients to recognize these qualities in themselves and to find interests outside the home and office. Unfortunately, many women who feel guilty about their imagined domestic ineptitude will find that advice hard to follow.

Dr June Huntington, who specializes in advising health service administrators and senior nurses on stress avoidance, has devised a number of techniques to help women.

Dr Huntington, of the King's Fund College in London, believes that anyone who feels overwhelmed by the demands on their time must sit down with a piece of paper and work out their true priorities. Those who claim to be too busy to do this are in greatest need of the exercise.

> **"Problems arise from the conflict over priorities"**

"For working women, most of the stress arises from conflict about priorities. You have to develop a gut knowledge of what is important. Otherwise you will suffer internal conflict, and when you can't manage yourself you will certainly not be able to manage other people.

"We have to accept that we can't achieve 150 per cent standards in all the areas of our lives. So we have to choose which parts are important."

What seem unimportant incidents in isolation can build up to a condition of extreme stress. This causes the mind to go blank as the victim tries to decide which problem to tackle first. Then the heart starts to thump in panic when no decisions are made.

This kind of mental shutdown happened to Susan when her baby son developed a trivial ear infection.

Susan was a television producer who had just agreed to take on the additional responsibility of directing a programme. Her boss doubted that she could take on two jobs at once when her child was only a year old. This made her all the more determined to prove that she could.

"I would have been able to manage them both before he was born, and it didn't occur to me that anything had changed", she said.

"A studio galley is an intensely pressured place. When you are directing, it is like being conductor of an orchestra. The actors, sound crew, cameramen, everyone is waiting for you to tell them what you want.

"We only had two days in the studio and I knew the time was precious. We were running late at the end of the first day, so I stayed up late working instead of getting enough rest. Then I couldn't sleep because my brain was still in the studio. When I did sleep I was woken by the baby, who was ill.

"On the second day we got even later, but I seemed to get calmer and calmer as things got worse. Inside I felt as if bits of my brain were shutting down one by one. Whenever I was asked something, or direction was needed, the producer answered for me. We just about got through the filming and then I couldn't stop crying."

Susan took three weeks off work, and now takes care to look out for warning signs of stress. She admits she unashamedly uses her husband as a sounding board for her worries.

"I load them all on to him now and go to sleep, while he lies awake worrying."

Thomson Prentice

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Courting trouble

In an incident which will embarrass the Government, a Treasury solicitor was identified as an interloper at a recent High Court hearing in chambers and ordered out by the judge, Sir Peter Gibson. The hearing, a preliminary to the copyright action by Osprey against British Shipbuilders, was restricted to representatives of the two companies. Yesterday the Treasury admitted that although it was not directly involved, it had sent the solicitor, John Howes, as "an observer." The Government faces further embarrassment when the trial begins – probably early next year – because of certain documents which are thought to reflect badly on MoD ministers and senior officials. There have been several attempts to cover up the documents. Last month I reported how John Howes had signed an affidavit that, on the grounds of "national security", a substantive part of the trial should be held in camera. Two weeks later he withdrew the affidavit; no reason was given.

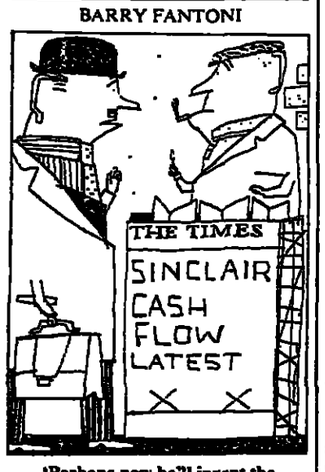
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Someone is missing the point of Peter Terson's *Strippers*, opening at London's Phoenix Theatre tonight. Although Bill Maynard, the play's lead, calls it a "black, biting feminist comedy", a group called Women Against Violence Against Women is mounting a picket of the performance. The play, about northern club strippers, "is more dangerous than self-admitted porn", they think. This has infuriated former real-life stripper Nickie Roberts, who saw the play in preview last week and believes it shows strippers for the first time "not as victims but people choosing a positive alternative to unemployment". Yesterday she was busy phoning her pals urging them to join her picket of the picket. "Some of the girls are even prepared to miss their spots to turn up", she says.

Whip-round

Michael Cocks's reselection problems are not confined to his Bristol constituency; at Westminster backbench Labour MPs are being frantically lobbied to find a candidate acceptable to left and centre to oppose him for the Chief Whip's post in the autumn. Robin Cook, Kinnock's campaign manager, and Norman Hogg, Cocks's deputy whip, were mooted but unwilling to stand. Derek Foster, Kinnock's PPS, has apparently agreed – but only if victory is guaranteed. Foster would clearly be running with Kinnock's approval (Kinnock and Cocks do not see eye to eye). For Foster to stand and lose would thus be a disaster. Hence the current head-counting before the summer recess.

BARRY FANTONI



'Perhaps now he'll invent the pocket-sized overdraft'

Miesing out

Where she... Peter Palumbo have been the night before Patrick Jenkin turned down his Mansion House Square project? At Downing Street, no less, with Mrs Thatcher. Palumbo had accepted some time ago an invitation to a dinner in honour of the president of Finland last Tuesday. Late in the day he became aware of the unfortunate timing and the embarrassment his presence might cause the Prime Minister. After consultations with Downing Street, he gracefully withdrew. This would not have been Palumbo's first visit to Number Ten. When news leaked out recently of a dinner he had there in March, David Steel questioned Mrs Thatcher's involvement in the project. The Palumbo camp denies that the dinner involved any impropriety. It claims that when Mrs T inquired about the project, half-way through the meal, Palumbo swiftly changed the subject.

Who nearly wasn't

Imagine Tory minister Peter Bottomley's shock when he thumbs through the 1985 *Who's Who* this week to discover his entry missing, but that of his newly elected wife, Virginia, included. Picture the outrage of David Frost when he notices his rambling 48-line biography savagely pruned to four. They must not panic, however. Publishers A. & C. Black spotted that 80 entries – including those for Francis Bacon, Björn Borg and Aaron Copland – had been entirely or partly omitted just before the binding stage and quickly added a supplement at the front. The publishers yesterday insisted everything had been all right at proof stage: "The computer must have hiccupped."

PHS

Make it a Market of Arts

by John Ashworth

Some vice-chancellors agree with the Government's rhetoric on higher education. The need for more places in subjects such as electronic engineering; greater flexibility; an enterpreneurial spirit invading the ivory towers; better links of all kinds between the labs and lecture halls and industry, commerce and local and regional communities – all of this we share.

But we find the Government's policies for achieving these objectives mean-spirited and unhelpful. Exhortations to greater vitality and financial independence for the universities are not matched by any recognition that you get what you pay for.

For decades power has rested in the hands of the University Grants Committee with the Treasury wedded to the principle of "deficit funding" – officials agree on the cost of producing a graduate, the universities raise money from fees and so on and the Government makes up the rest. Success has been defined in bureaucratic and administrative terms.

This attitude permeates last week's green paper *(The Development of Higher Education into the 1990s)* with its talk of new "structures" and procedures buttressed by a whole apparatus of "performance indicators" which have an annexe all to themselves – what a field day for our professors of creative accountancy.

These reforms are all right as far as they go but they do not go very far to promote that entrepreneurial leadership and managerial flair extolled elsewhere in the document.

Deficit funding subsidizes relative failure. It encourages those who receive it, whether in local government, the arts or higher education, to devise ways of increasing deficits so that they can claim to be "underfunded" and thus worthy of receiving a larger subvention. Cash limits merely encourage greater bureaucratic and accounting ingenuity and, at best, stop the rot; the fundamental dependency remains unchanged.

To confirm, as Sir Keith Joseph does in his green paper, "that increases in income from outside sources will not lead to reductions in Government funding" and to ask "the UGC to ensure that universities' efforts and success in industrial research and consultancy receive due recognition in the process of grant allocation" are hardly clarion calls to the entrepreneurial tigers that the Prime Minister's speeches sometimes imply are chained up in our science and engineering faculties.

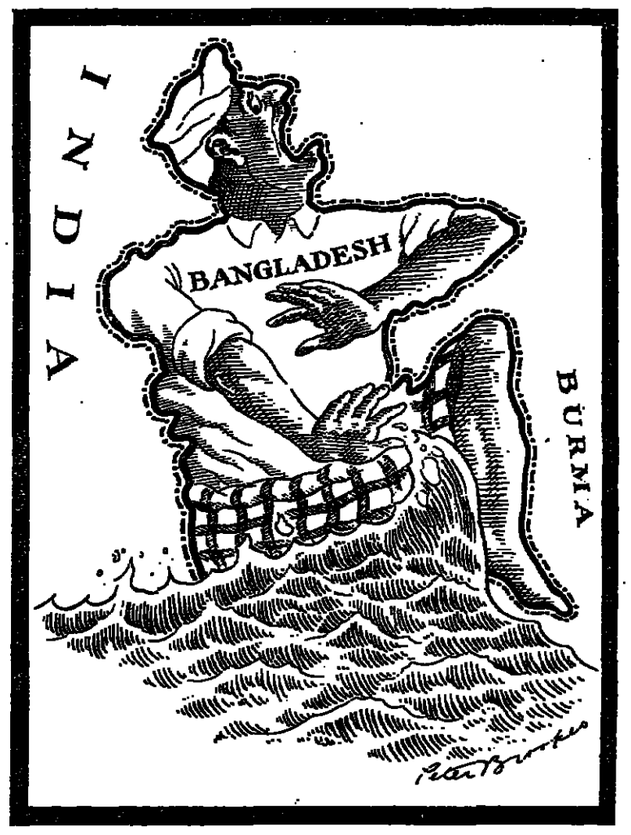
What is needed is a shift from deficit funding to incentive funding; from subsidizing failure towards rewarding success. If the Government genuinely would like to see industry contribute directly to a university's income why doesn't it offer to match an industry's contribution? If a university's consultancy services show a profit why doesn't the Government support the research work that underlies those services by gearing its "selective allocation" of research monies to the appropriate profit and loss account? Why, in a word, doesn't it encourage the development of a market?

The spirit of the times might, like the spirit of the Government, be against those visions that galvanized the universities in the 1960s. But to desire a revolution in academic attitudes without ensuring the means is a mark of the Government's incompetence.

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Michael Hamlyn sends an eyewitness account of the Bangladesh cyclone disaster

How death came by night to Urirchar



Urirchar Island, Bangladesh

Four days after the cyclone virtually swept this island clean of human habitation the smell of death is unpleasantly obtrusive. The standard dwelling in these parts is the bari, a group of huts of bamboo and thatch, almost under one roof, around a courtyard. Not one has been left standing.

Wandering around the remains of a bari is a desolating experience. Brilliant blue cushions are scattered in the mud. The carcases of cattle, swelling to outrageous size in the heat, point their legs like sextants at the sun. Tumbled among the ruins of their homes the bodies of the human inhabitants remain grimacing at the sky. Their skins are tight and black, the bangles on their arms showing that though they may have been poor they were not destitute. A child's body lies alone, eyes wide open staring at the mud where his parents dug a living. A patch of chillies is laid out to dry in the sun, drying still, but ownerless.

All along the muddy coast the scene is repeated. Most of the bodies have now been buried, but many still lie face down where the tidal bore abandoned them. The corpses of the cattle have not been dealt with, and lie like jetsam at the water's edge.

According to the authorities more than 6,000 people lived on this island, so flat that it is little more than a mud bank – and which was nothing more than that a few years ago. But thanks to the vagaries of the currents, and of the whims of the rivers Ganges and Brahmaputra whose oozing delta is Bangladesh, Urirchar grew, and grew grass. People on the nearby island of Sandwip (the name itself means "New Island") lost their land when the rivers eroded it, and moved here instead.

Men like Abdus Sattar brought their families across five years ago to take advantage of the new rich silt piling up, to graze his cattle and grow paddy. It was a hazardous existence, as the island did not really exist on maps or even in the eyes of the government at the time, and there was a constant risk of inundation by high tides.

But Abdus Sattar did well, by Bangladesh standards. He owned four cattle and 40 sheep. He raised paddy on rather more than two acres of muddy silt. He married one daughter well and another was ready for marriage. His wife started to put on weight. He was 55 or 60 years old – no one knows exactly how old they are in the Bengali villages – and he had three young sons to look after him when he got too old to do anything but sit in the sun and consider the words of the prophet.

Then came the night of the storm. Storms are frequent at this time of the year in the Bay of Bengal. Depressions form ahead of the monsoon and roar into Bangladesh, Burma or India, but a bad cyclone had not struck Bangladesh for 15 years. Warnings were issued by the authorities who had seen the depression form on Thursday, but 20 warnings had been issued in the past 15 years and each time the storm either dwindled or veered off to some other coast, so not much notice was taken.

Abdus Sattar does not own a radio and so did not hear the warnings. Even if he had there is not much he could have done. There is no high ground on the island and a long journey faces anyone taking an open boat to get away. So he sat and listened to the wind rising, and worried whether his house would stand it.

In case the water started rising too he put his sons, aged 14, 12 and nine, on a platform under the roof, together with his daughter Bibi Mahfuza Begum. At 3 am on Saturday the tidal bore struck. A bore is the combination of a high tide and a wave whipped up by the wind. This one was anything between 10 and 20 feet high, and carried cubic miles of water at a steady 12 miles an hour across the unresisting surface of the ocean toward Urirchar.

The thatched walls burst in on Abdus Sattar and his family. Bibi Mahfuza grabbed the main bamboo pole holding up the house. Fortunately the pole had been well rooted, and held while everything else was swept away. Abdus Sattar saw a bed of made of planks bobbing in the tide. He grabbed it. Bibi Mahfuza was constantly ducked as she grasped the pole – and felt her grasp inch by inch being weakened. She let go and also grabbed the bed.

Together Abdus and his daughter survived. His three sons and his wife are lost. "What will I do?" he asked. "I have lost everything."

His neighbour on the island, Nurul Islam, perhaps 10 years younger but his face as heavily lined with anguish, caught the roof of his house as it was washed away. He picked up his youngest son, aged four, and his wife caught hold of the next youngest. Three others, aged between eight and 15, fended for themselves.

The roof was swept away to a belt of low trees. Nurul Islam and his wife both clung to branches against the drag of the tide but each felt their children drawn inexorably out of their grasp. All five children disappeared into the turbulent waters.

Rahul Amin lived with his wife and six children in an extended family bari with his brother and his family. The 13 of them clambered on to the roof when they feared the water might begin to rise. The tidal torrent took the roof miles away, with the family on board, to the mainland near Noakhali, but not to dry land. When morning rose and the tide and wind changed they were swept back again to Urirchar, not far from where they had come. Eight of them were lost in the night. Five survived, but only one of Rahul's children was among them.

As you fly here south from the capital, Dhaka, the extent of waterlogging in the countryside is clear. Broad meandering branches of the main rivers fork and rejoin. Rectangular fields the colour of pond-weed show where cultivation is attempted on every spare square yard. As you get closer to the coast the darker green rectangles of growing paddy become mere grey-green mud patches. Water stands shining in many areas.

As you fly over Urirchar itself the paddy fields look as if they have been cleaned with a squeegee mop. The baris from above are nothing but a forlorn collection of ragged poles, the thatch dumped in flat patches.

Of the 6,000 or so inhabitants of Urirchar a thousand are now refugees on nearby Sandwip, including Nurul Islam. The sub-district executive officer reckons that perhaps 2,000 people remain on the island and somewhere between three and four thousand are unaccounted for, swept, like the families of the Sattars, the Islams and the Amins, into the Bay of Bengal.

Those that remain are remarkably phlegmatic, although a number of them have been encouraged into scenes of emotion by photographers. They regard what happened as God's will, and are content to see their rescue as still another demonstration of that will. They would be glad to find, however, that it was also God's will that they should get sufficient relief material to survive for long enough to plant and grow another crop, and to start raising their cattle again.

Naval landing-craft – the only ones with a shallow enough draught to get close enough to the islands – are distributing rice and clothing. A couple of hundred survivors gathered round to be ordered into tidy lines by the naval police and to receive typhoid injections from a commander in the naval medical branch.

"What we need," he said, immaculate in white drill among the brilliant greens of the free-issue saris and muddy bodies of the survivors, "is food, fresh water and shelter for these people." Jabbing his needle into yet another arm, he added: "the rest, we can do."

The most heartening sight on the islands, as we flew away from the scenes of horror, was that of tiny shelters built out of the salvaged ruins being put up again where the old baris had stood. It may be many months before the salt flood water will be leeched out of the soil, but the survivors are determined to rebuild their lives as best they can.

Jack Straw

Owen, Alliance liability

There is a wonderful new machine in the library of the House of Commons. Feed in a key word and out pops a reference. I tried "spineless"; out came "Kinnock/Owen". I tried "vacuous"; out came "Kinnock/Owen". But of whom, by whom? *Of* Kinnock *by* Owen? By Owen, the man who only last week had announced that he had "avoided putting any emphasis on personalities"? Could it really be that the same man who had also proclaimed that he would decline "to get into the gutter" knew more about street politics than he had been willing to admit? Surely not; the machine had to be in error.

So I sent for the proof. *The Times* of October 8, 1984: "Spineless Kinnock accused by Owen". Kinnock, said Owen, was "without the courage or the instinct to denounce those who undermine parliamentary democracy . . . (he was) in Arthur Scargill's pocket". September 13, 1984: Kinnock was "the most vacuous leader in Labour's history". Nor has the Prime Minister been spared the Owen venom. "Callous" and "incompetent" are just two of the adjectives he has used about her.

Whatever people think of the level of political debate they like humbug even less. It is that, in large measure, which we have had from the leader of the SDP as he has feigned hurt from comments of a kind he has been happy to heap on others when the occasion has suited him.

Politics is about policies; but it is inseparably about personalities too. It is through individuals that policies are articulated, prescribed and implemented. Historians spend half their time dissecting the personalities of now-departed political leaders in an effort to seek a truth from past events. If it is important to do that is it not even more important to do so with leaders still living? No serious study of the past 10 years, for example, could possibly be complete without the most searching examination of Margaret Thatcher's personality. She has stamped her image upon the nation in a quite profound way.

But at least if a No 11 bus were to collide with her bullet-proof Daimler, the Conservative Party would continue. So would the Labour and Liberal parties if Kinnock and Steel were struck by a thunderbolt. What makes Owen's personality – humbug and all – such an essential subject for examination is that he *is* the SDP. Without him it would simply cease to exist.

And it is Owen, allegedly the Alliance's greatest electoral asset, who will, as the next election draws near, turn out to be its greatest liability.

The Sunday Times/MORI poll published last week contains some fascinating details. The pollsters not only asked about support for the Alliance but for its component parts. The Liberals got 10 per cent support, the SDP 5 per cent. Above that was another 13 per cent attracted by the alliance of the two parties, to make a total rating of 28 per cent. At a time of great divisions in our society people like the notion of taking the conflict out of politics, of "letting common sense prevail" – all ideas cleverly conveyed by the word "alliance".

I saw this process operating the other day with a BBC *Question Time* audience. Roy Jenkins had them with him – until he was forced to choose, but could not. "I am against privatization", he said, "and I am against nationalization." But, as the election approaches, people will be forced to choose, not least between the component parts of the Alliance. The chasm between the Owenites and the Liberals is deep and unbridgeable, and both sides in truth know that.

In temperament, style, and policies, Owen is now in the centre of the Conservative Party – to the left of Howe, but unquestionably to the right of Pym and Prior. His social market theory (as his fellow Social Democrat David Marquand has complained) is one of the radical right, developed in Germany by the right-wing Christian Democrat Ludwig Erhard, and popularized in this country by Sir Keith Joseph. His speeches against trade unions have been blood-curdling in aggression. His criticism of Mrs Thatcher during the miners' strike was that she was not tough enough. He rejects egalitarianism; he is jingoistic on defence.

Owen may wish to dismiss as no more than mischief-making the suggestions of men like John Biffen, Ferdinand Mount and Ronald Butt that he has begun to sound "increasingly like a *Daily Telegraph* editorial", that his book on reshaping Britain would not cause a moment's discomfort "to the most rabid Thatcherite" or that his ideas for privatization were first elaborated by Professor Milton Friedman. But it is harder for him to dismiss increasing criticism from the ranks of the Alliance itself – from Evan Luard ("are we for the haves or the have nots?"); from Gwynoro Jones, Welsh SDP leader ("David . . . does tend to have the same black and white approach as that adopted by Mrs Thatcher"); and above all from his partner, David Steel.

Steel protests too much when he says, as he did last week, that he will not allow the Alliance to be split. It *is* split. His party is on the other side from the Owenites and the great political divide. It takes a wholly different view on the economy, the welfare state, defence (Liberal policy in the shire elections was for nuclear-free zones), trade unions, and philosophy overall.

In February Steel himself publicly warned Owen of the "dangers of sounding too Thatcherite"; but Owen is a neo-Thatcherite, and is unlikely now to change his spots.

In short, the Alliance is one gigantic confidence trick designed to lull people into the belief that no choices in politics need to be made. But "to govern is to choose". As the spotlight now turns on the patent divisions within an alliance which cannot even agree among itself, its support will decline to the 10 per cent who really are Liberals, and that quite different 5 per cent who are Social Democrats.

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Wanted: planning in public partnership

Public apathy over planning turns to public outrage when personal interests are threatened. So it was no surprise when more than 200 people attended a public meeting called by our local council in north Kent to discuss the Sheerness District Plan.

Some had come to oppose the council's plan to close their caravan park by the seafront. Some felt threatened by proposed new factories near their homes. Some were angry because the council wanted to put 700 houses on their doorstep and spoil their view.

There are times when you can only feel sorry for the local authority planner. There he sits on the platform, taking careful note of a sequence of angry and mutually inconsistent protests, and out of it he is supposed to produce a more coherent and acceptable plan.

Of course, everyone wants more jobs in Sheppey, but they are not keen on the factories that would provide them. One speaker even suggested that they should be built out in the middle of the countryside, where nobody would be annoyed. One of the angry residents whose neighbourhood is threatened by 700 new houses engaged in the following dialogue with the platform:

"Why do we need to put any more houses on Sheppey?"

"Because of pressure from the housebuilders' federation and the Government. If we don't find a site of our choosing, they will choose one for us."

"Then why not choose somewhere really unpleasant– with a view over a rubbish dump or something – so that no one in their right mind would come and live here?"

That last dialogue set me working on my Iron Law of Lobbyarchy: that when government attempts to involve the public in planning the result is less power for the people and more power for the pressure groups. Your objections are only as strong as the pressure group you form.

The 700 houses will not be built at Danley because the people there got themselves organized; that will not stop them being built in a less suitable location a few miles away where people are less vocal. The councils caught between the pressure of housebuilders and that of the residents, a conflict it will resolve by finding a less vocal neighbourhood or ignoring the protests.

That does not mean that governments should ignore lobbies. What is missing is participation in parallel: the government or its planners taking the public with it through the issues. Lobbyarchy involves the government putting itself in the shoes of the organized public: parallel participation would begin to put the public in the shoes of the planners and encourage a more qualified reaction in full view of the difficulties. Instead of the simple, self-interested "no", what planners need from the public is "not this way, but how about this one?"

In case this seems hopelessly idealistic, let me describe what happened in the months that followed the Sheppey public meeting. The Danley residents commissioned a report from a London firm of surveyors and put a convincing case to the council that local services were not equal to the demands of an additional 700 houses. And one SDP councillor produced his own alternative plan for the Isle of Sheppey as a whole. His criticism of the council's plan was that it looked at the western, urban end of the Isle of Sheppey in isolation.

By looking at the whole island, he was able to point to villages here and estates there that would welcome the building of another 30 or 50 houses because of the extra life and trade they would bring. His piecemeal plan catered for the extra houses without threatening to change the whole character of the neighbourhood.

This constructive suggestion has now been dismissed and in its place are some plans for a fresh clutch of unpalatable new estates, provoking an even angrier public meeting. The reasons for dismissing the alternative plan are instructive: the house builders do not think they could sell houses on the alternative sites to the east of the island. Here is an interesting contrast between the power of the house builders and the local authority to choose the sites they prefer.

The Danley residents' proposal points the way to a kind of parallel participation that must be developed. At present the experts propose, the public opposes only when provoked, and the issue is decided by the strength of the lobbies. Instead, after the authority experts propose, the public's experts should review and improve. We need a body which will do for planning decisions what *Which?* has done for the consumer of goods and services.

In a world of organized lobbies, we must create a lobby powerful enough to engage in parallel participation, not merely agitation or protest; a body that will represent the consumers of planning decisions who cannot, by definition, attend the public meetings – the future inhabitants of the proposed housing estates, the people who will suffer if the drains cannot cope and their bedrooms are on public display, the children who will miss the play space and the shops.

Perhaps Spud, the Society for the Protection of the Unborn District, would be a suitable name for a pressure group founded to make sure that people on the receiving end of today's planning decisions do not have chips on their shoulders by tomorrow.

Mark Goyder

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A. N. Author

And may the best man wince

One of the many problems of being A. N. Author is that people assume that if you can write books you can also write speeches. I speak, or rather write, from bitter experience.

The other year, an old friend of mine (though I fear he no longer describes himself thus) got married and asked me to be his best man. It was one of those rather Sloaney affairs in the Home Counties where blameless young gels fall in love with domestic pets, ballet, horses and stockbrokers – in that order.

I was singularly miscast, given that my sole (and remaindered) work, *The Soul of Mrs Saxby* (Sucker and Windbag £6.95) is a study of suburban *weltschmertz* seen through the eyes of a Wimbledon housewife who regards Sloane as nothing more than a square on the District Line.

We had grown so far apart, the groom and I – he with his Porsche and expense account paunch, me with my slimline royalty cheque for £3.48. None the less, he is nothing if not pragmatic, and, being on the foothills of freemasonry, assumed that any friend who could string 50,000 words of prose together could also produce five minutes' worth of verbal copy on the subject of his (that is, the groom's) past.

As pasts go, it was a florid one, I must admit – full of *grands passions* with the debs of W8 and Daddy's Range Rovers pranged into the ditches of minor roads off the A30. Plenty of material.

I suppose the trouble started on the eve of the wedding, when I was billeted at the house of the man who was to give the bride away. I know it is wrong to speak ill of the dead (A. N. Author's function is surely to malign the living), but the fact of the matter is that he went out of his way to assure me that the limit of my duty would be to ensure that the blessed ring did not fall down through the church's central heating grid in mid-service. Bear in mind that he was something extremely senior in the Tory party, and much given to delegation. "You look after the ring, A.N., and I'll take care of the speech." My sense of relief can be summarized as: phew.

I think I smelt a rat when the food started moving on the dinner table (no, I was not drunk). My host – let us call him A. High-Tory – had one of those round tables in which the centre rotates at the touch of a button. One minute you are helping yourself to the cauliflower *au gratin*, and the next minute the dish is whisked away to your left and you are daubing your neighbour's lap with yellowish matter. "Aha". I ventured. "Rotation of crops." That was my first – and last – good line of the weekend, meeting with a silence that was to become all too familiar.

The wedding day dawned bright and blah blah blah. The Hampshire countryside was as innocent as a new lettuce. The couple made their vows, pecked each other's dear pink cheeks, the ring found its way on to the appropriate finger and, ducking beneath the confetti rain, they repaired to the marquee.

High-Tory's speech was a classic of the genre, which I could enjoy all the more in the knowledge that I did not have to perform. He commended the bride to his audience as though she were the latest party initiative on tax reform: "She is fair (true). She is robust (undeniable). She is . . . a model of equity (perhaps)."

I was well into my fourth glass of Bollinger when I heard the first rumblings of an incongruous roar: "Author, Author!" Before I knew what was happening I was borne forth to the little podium on a surge of distaff arms. I was, in the most literal sense which this word can ever have had, speechless.

A silence sufficient to shame Pinter gave way to the following pathetic mumblings, in which, for veracity's sake, you must supply a stutter for every syllable. "I remember the groom. Oh yes. Very well. We were in plays together at school. One year he was a crook, then he was a waiter (sensitive references these, since Dad had been a hotelier), and . . . and . . . and." The speech was over.

In the huge, yawning quiet that followed I can distinctly recall the look on High-Tory's face. His cheeks were plumped up like hotel cushions and there was a smugness settling on his features which one associates with a candidate freshly returned with an increased majority.

I believe it was at this moment that I made the following resolution: if you are going to make an ass of yourself, then at least stick to print and enjoy the benefits of obscurity.

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PEACOCK'S PROGRESS

Today the eight members of Professor Alan Peacock's Committee meet for the first time to discuss the future funding of the BBC. Over the next 15 months they will face a formidable mass of evidence and opinion. As their predecessors Pilkington and Annan discovered, broadcasting may not be the most important issue confronting the nation but it stimulates passion and prejudice like little else. The Home Secretary has blessed Professor Peacock with colleagues who are used to keeping their heads above rough intellectual waters but even so distinguished a philosopher as Lord Quinton may find the task daunting.

The BBC's position is well known. It wants to retain its monopoly of television licence revenue. It wants the independent television companies to retain their monopoly of television advertising revenue. The BBC Chairman, Mr Stuart Young restated the Corporation's view at a Newspaper Society lunch on May Day. The case can be made, he said, that it will be certain that BBC advertising would produce for consumers both a poorer BBC and weaker independent broadcasting.

This is the case which undoubtedly *will* be made. *The Times* has highlighted its shortcomings before, its disregard of technological and political developments, its blithe assumption that Public Service Broadcasting (for which alone a universal licence fee can be justified) and the British Broadcasting Corporation are somehow eternally synonymous. This is well worn ground. From Professor Peacock's perspective, however, the problem is not just to counter the BBC's old arguments, it is to deal with that "certainty" to which Mr Young referred. Certainty is very seductive to a committee. Proponents of any new system of funding must necessarily be less certain of what that funding will produce. The members of the Peacock Committee will need courage as well as intellectual distinction to make progress against vested interests which, though less confident than they were at the beginning of the licence fee campaign are no less dangerous for knowing that, this time, they are in a real fight for their position and power.

How should the Committee proceed? Its first task is a practical one, to arm itself with the very best economic analysis of the effect that an enlarged pool of television advertising might produce. Mr Young's speech revived the ancient doctrine of the "advertising cake" which can only be eaten by the BBC at the cost of smaller slices for someone else. No mention is made of the possibility that the cake may grow as the ingredients get cheaper. Nor is there any reflection on the premium that advertisers may be prepared to pay for audience quality as well as audience quantity.

This is controversial ground. The Committee for all its strength has no special expert here. It should go out into the market place and buy whatever research it feels needs to be done. It should not expect it to come up with certain answers. No more, however, should it accept the "certainties" of the status quo.

If the BBC feels it is losing its central case, its second line of attack will be to threaten an all out advertising war. As Mr Young put it on May Day, "If it should be decided that the BBC had to take advertising – we should go into it as hard as we could. The idea that the BBC is a smug, complacent, elitist organization could not be further from the truth. It is a highly competitive organization. It would not adopt half-measures." The Committee should reflect on these words. They might ask themselves what type of organization makes such petulant threats against the public? Is it the flexible servant of the public's interest or simply self-serving bureaucracy?

If the BBC is to be allowed to take advertising to supplement its licence revenue the quantity of the advertising and the rate at which it is taken need not and should not be fixed by the BBC. The Committee should be prepared to tell it so.

According to the Home Secretary's terms of reference, Professor Peacock's Committee is asked to investigate advertising's impact on "the range of quality of existing broadcasting services". The BBC will talk a good deal about quality over the coming months. Quality, like Public Service Broadcasting, has grown to be defined by the standard of whatever the BBC happens to be producing at any given time.

Of course bigger licence fees and a bigger pool of televisions to tax will produce bigger budgets (though by the BBC's own account never big enough) and glossier programmes. The current system also produces unfairness for consumers and monopolistic wage bargaining power for the unions. As to what quality of broadcasting the public is prepared to pay for, which decisions viewers wish to make for themselves and which to leave to the broadcasters, which public services the Government should insist upon and how these services should be achieved; these are still the unasked questions. The asking can begin today.

TAMIL FEARS

For a year until last week Sri Lanka Tamils arriving in Britain and seeking entry out of fear for their safety in their own country were provisionally regarded as deserving temporary refuge. They were refused leave to enter but the refusal was not acted upon. They could remain, though they might at any time be sent away. None has yet been sent back.

By the beginning of last week, some 900 Sri Lankan Tamils were here under those precarious terms. (There are now 1,400 or 1,500, the pace of arrival having accelerated markedly.) At that point the Home Secretary announced a change of treatment. In future any Sri Lankan Tamil who does not qualify for entry under the immigration rules yet fears for his safety if returned will have his case examined on its merits. He will be allowed to stay for twelve months in the first instance provided he can show there is reason to believe that he would suffer "severe hardship" if he returned to Sri Lanka. If he cannot show reason he must go back. The criterion is less onerous than the standard criterion for asylum, which is "well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular group, or political opinion".

It is a paradox that, whereas in April 1984 the expression of fear was accepted as a reason not to be sent back immediately to Sri Lanka, in May 1985, when the dangers in that country are appreciably greater, demonstration of the grounds for fear is additionally required. In spite of that paradox the Home Secretary is justified in making the change.

At this end the apparatus of immigration control is feeling the strain of the quickened pace of arrivals and the accumulation of entrants for whom rejection has been temporarily suspended. A signal to the Tamils in Sri Lanka that applications will be searchingly sifted from now on may ease the strain. Even more to the point is the possibility of the disturbances in Sri Lanka being used as a pretext for evasion of the strictness with which our immigration controls are habitually enforced, a strictness that is one of the props of reasonably good race relations within Britain. It is not that the fears of the Tamils who come here in the posture of fugitives are necessarily pretended, but that the fears, even when genuine, may lack substantial cause.

At the Sri Lankan end the condition of the country is not such that flight is a compelling course for the Tamil minority in general. Communal massacre of the kind that erupted briefly in 1983 has not returned. The security measures executed on behalf of the Sri Lankan government, though sometimes hideously ill-disciplined and tragically misdirected, are aimed at Tamil terrorists and their organizations. Most of the country is tranquil. The elements of democracy and the rule of law remain though battered a bit. Conditions for the Tamils are worst in the north of the island, where ethnic and personal links make Tamil Nadu in south India the natural refuge.

This is not to say that Britain should turn its back on the plight of Tamil refugees, or that none of those who come here purporting to be of that description has a true claim. It is to say, with the Home Secretary, that it is right to insist that cases are individually made out. But if that requirement is imposed, the opportunity to make out a case must be properly provided.

Time and access to advice must be afforded; and if someone is fleeing for his safety it is little consolation to be told that he has a right of appeal after he has been returned to the place of supposed danger. It is in these respects that the procedures now adopted leave room for doubt as to their humanity and fairness.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why MPs do not feel greedy

From Mr Andrew Rowe, MP for Kent, Mid (Conservative)

Sir, Whether your correspondent is correct or not about the Prime Minister's view of her parliamentary colleagues' greed (report, May 24) the facts bear closer examination.

It is true that we have awarded ourselves an absurd system of car expenses whereby the larger the car the larger the reimbursement and I hope that that will one day be changed.

But it is equally true that as every pressure group, firm and many individuals increasingly use word processors for their correspondence and computers to refine their filing systems MPs can only provide a service if they are similarly equipped and help in this way is long overdue.

The proposition that a member of Parliament should be able to afford both a secretary and an assistant is not greedy. It is the barest minimum which allows the member to sift and weigh the arguments on the growing number of subjects on which we are asked to form a view and to cast a vote.

The suggestion that the installation of a telephone exchange capable of dealing with an increasingly telephone conscious public is greedy is surprising from a newspaper which has made some effort itself in recent years to install modern equipment.

Finally, Sir, if I thought that the removal of subsidy on our catering would compel the business managers to cut our normal working day to a mere 12 or 14 hours I should welcome it, but under present arrangements it does not seem particularly voracious.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW ROWE,
House of Commons.
May 24.

Work and the classics

From Professor M. C. Stokes and others

Sir, We hear much talk of employer demand for certain skills not directly taught in the humanities departments of British universities. We write to point out that there is no lack of demand for graduates in classical subjects from this university.

Here is a list (numbering more than 30) of their first or immediately subsequent occupations for those graduating in the decade 1975-1984:

Accountancy, Air Force, archive work, Army, Atomic Energy Authority (administration), banking, bookselling, Civil Service (inc Customs and Excise), clerical work, computing, gold-dealing (self-employed), history of art course (Sotheby's), holy orders, hospital administration, insurance (administration and actuarial), journalism, law (solicitors), librarianship, local government, management training, marketing, museum training, nursing, personnel work, police force, public relations, research, retailing, ski-instructing, social work, teaching (preparatory, primary secondary schools, handicapped etc), wine trade.

Not all our graduates keep us informed; but very few of our pupils are known or seriously believed to be unemployed.

Is there any evidence that those who employ our graduates would rather employ the same people straight from school or from a post-school "vocational" course? Unless this question can be answered in the affirmative, it is perhaps premature to talk of employer demand for vocational skills, as opposed to an education in the classics or other humanities. After all, it was in your own newspaper, Sir, that the following report appeared:

> An executive of a large computing company said that he found the great number of people applying to him with "relevant" degrees in computer science distinctly unimpressive; there would always be room for a student with a good degree in classics, he said. (November 4, 1983).

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL C. STOKES,
P. J. RHODES,
A. J. WOODMAN,
E. M. JENKINSON,
OLIVER DICKINSON,
ANNE SHEPPARD,
University of Durham,
Department of Classics,
38 North Bailey,
Durham.
May 24.

Missed chances in higher education

From Professor C. B. Cox

Sir, When, in 1969, I edited the Black Papers on education I believed the main threat to standards came from the left. Left-wing extremists advocated permissive styles of teaching which were undermining the disciplines of study.

During the 1970s we partly won this battle, and most schools adopted a sensible balance between informal and formal methods of teaching.

Today the main challenge to educational standards comes from the New Vocationalism espoused by Sir Keith Joseph in the Green Paper on higher education. The most urgent need at the moment in higher education is for four-year degrees. Students arrive at polytechnics and universities without knowledge of the classics or the Bible. Most of them need a remedial course in English language. We need to imitate the American freshman year.

The shift from arts to science will harm our quality of life. As Enoch Powell has said, the New Vocationalism is barbaric.

Yours sincerely,
BRIAN COX,
20 Park Gates Drive,
Cheadle Hulme,
Cheshire.
May 22.

From the Director of Coventry (Lanchester) Polytechnic

Sir, The long-awaited Green Paper on higher education has got a hostile reception, much of it emotive. It provides an opportunity for another refrain of "stop the cuts" from those who enjoy knocking governments, whatever the issue.

It is a Green Paper. Let there be an informed and objective debate of its burden so that the policy fashioned from it is in the national interest.

The Green Paper rehearses much which few would dispute, for example: higher education plays an important role in our economic performance; it must be cost-effective and not over-burden the taxpayer; programmes of teaching and research should relate to the needs of the day and excellence is expected. The paper's proposals lack imagination, vision and courage.

That the number of 18-year-olds will fall is a fact. School rolls have already slumped. The Green Paper's response is to contract higher education and save some money. We could seize this opportunity to redeploy the resources into mid-career re-education for many more, into easier access to part-time education for those at work or unemployed, and a higher participation rate for 18-year-olds.

The Butcher committee report highlights the urgent requirement for more qualified people in engineering and science if we are to compete in fast-moving information technology. The Green Paper's solution is to fund more undergraduate courses for 18-year-olds in the universities. That may not work, because those qualified to enter are limited to the number the schools can produce, in the context of falling roles and a growing shortage of mathematics and science teachers.

Funds for encouraging technicians as well as graduates, for short period retraining and updating those in mid-career, for a crash programme to produce and reward science and mathematics teachers, for re-directing able people who studied other disciplines, for the late developers, would produce far more people more quickly.

For the polytechnics the paper is disappointing. It is largely the mixture as before, but with less money, fewer students, and a further swing towards engineering and science, at the expense of other subjects (whether or not they relate to society's needs).

The paper recognizes, but fails to exploit, the significant achievements of the polytechnics, the Scottish central institutions and other colleges, achievements wholly in line with the Government's aspirations for higher education – cost-effective, vocational, comprehensive in level of work and mode of attendance, working closely with industry and commerce – and now educating over half the country's advanced students. It rejects the co-ordinated planning of all higher education (universities and public sector). It recognizes the huge discrimination against the polytechnics in the funding of their teaching and research, but states that such will continue.

All in all, the paper is out of character from a Government committed, as I am, to new ideas, to change, to value for money, to opportunity for more people to give of their best.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY HOLROYDE,
Director,
Coventry (Lanchester) Polytechnic,
Priory Street,
Coventry,
West Midlands.
May 24.

From Dr Rodney Lowe

Sir, So soon after the anniversary of VE Day, how can the Government's Green Paper on higher education be reconciled with the following assertion: "No other country provides a better illustration of the effects on a nation of a general and thorough shift of the greater part of its educational system from the 'humanities' to the 'realities' than Germany between 1840 and 1940".

A quotation from a subversive text? It is in fact from Hayek's *The Road to Serfdom*, ch 13.

Yours faithfully,
RODNEY LOWE,
University of Bristol,
School of History,
13-15 Woodland Road,
Bristol,
Avon.
May 24.

Catholic failings

From the Reverend Dr P. J. Fitzpatrick

Sir, Differences over confrontations between Dutch Catholics and the Pope are less important than a grasp of what they have been confronting. The careful distinctions and qualifications made by Bishop Butler in his remarks on infallibility (feature, May 11) are remote from what is happening today in the Roman Church. Nor does what is happening there merit Father Brinkman's description (May 18) "practical ecclesiology".

Distinctions and ologies alike have gone by the board in favour of a medium that is indeed the message. The justice or injustice of what the Pope says or fails to say is not my concern here. My concern is to lament the replacing of ecclesial structure and reasoned argument by a continuous performance that, of its nature, lacks both.

One problem of the human spirit today, urgent and pervasive, is the balancing of present and past. One institution that could make an effective contribution, to the facing of that problem is the Roman Catholic Church.

All the more sad is its failure to do so. For a large and centralized organization, television, crowds and sycophancy look like answer to its prayer. They are in fact its curse.

Yours faithfully,
P. J. FITZPATRICK,
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Department of Philosophy,
50 Old Elvet,
Durham.
May 23.

Countering racism

From Mr Labbi Siffre

Sir, Extremists are sometimes frightening and often ridiculous.

Roger Scruton concentrates his pen on the anti-racist extremists. His articles on the matter suggest by this emphasis that as these extremists are ridiculous so is the basis of their cause.

As a travelled, black, English, middle-class, middle-aged male I can assure Mr Scruton that racism is endemic in and detrimental to our country and to others. One becomes accustomed to and learns to live with it at an early age.

In line with other diseased attitudes (against women or homosexuals for example) racism is conceived of ignorance and born of insecurity and fear and the arrogant assumption that everyone should be as oneself.

Yes, Mr Palmer's "banner-waving, power-mad leftists" (May 18) are often ludicrous. Their counterparts on the right are often frightening.

However, the quiet, reasonable, ordinary, decent, civilized racist is always the most dangerous.

Your sincerely,
LABBI SIFFRE,
Pitchings,
Spurt Street,
Cuddington,
Near Aylesbury,
Buckinghamshire,
May 20.

Time on remand

From the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Home Office,

Sir, May I respond to the letters from Mr Kilroy-Silk (May 15) and Mr Pedley (May 21) on the problems associated with increased population of remand prisoners?

Mr Kilroy-Silk claims that detention of remand prisoners in police cells has grown worse. This is nonsense.

In 1983 the average number of prisoners held each night was 280, but in the financial year 1984/5 the average was less than 20. In 1983, many prisoners were held in police cells for days, sometimes weeks on end. But during 1984 and 1985 the majority spent only one or two nights in police cells. These figures should be judged against a particularly steep rise in the number of remand prisoners over the past seven months, which now stands at over 9,500.

As you stated in your leader of May 7, the Home Secretary has indeed tackled the scandal of prolonged detention in police cells. On four occasions since the beginning of this year the number of prisoners in police cells has risen markedly. All of these were exceptional circumstances, caused by short-lived industrial relations problems and the need for urgent refurbishment work at Brixton.

There will always be an occasional need for remand prisoners to be held in police cells. What the Home Secretary promised is an end to their *routine* use because of lack of space in the prison system. He has kept this promise.

Mr Pedley accuses the Home Office of complacency in the face of the growing remand population. Again, this is not borne out by the facts.

Since March, 1984, we have added over 1,200 places as part of our continuing programme to improve prisons and end chronic overcrowding. The Home Secretary announced at the POA (Prison Officers' Association) conference that up to 1,000 additional places will be made available within a few weeks. And to help prison staff meet the pressure the growing population has created a further 240 prison officers will be recruited.

Mr Pedley's proposal – to exploit redundant public buildings such as teachers' training colleges – would inevitably be only a temporary solution. Its cost would be substantial both in actual terms and in diverting scarce resources from the permanent long-term solution which the Home Secretary has developed.

Furthermore, putting remand prisoners into insecure accommodation of the type Mr Pedley suggests is a known recipe for control and security problems. Linked to that, people do not necessarily welcome prisons being created in their neighbourhood, especially of the standard of security implied by Mr Pedley's solution. We have long experience of losing potential prison sites because of the understandable worries of the public who live near by.

Prison facilities cannot be found simply by throwing up a fence overnight around accommodation intended for other uses. Building prisons requires careful and deliberate planning. That is what the Prison Department undertake with considerable skill and effectiveness.

Our policies will provide a secure, long-term solution both to the problem of prisoners in police cells and to overcrowding in the system as a whole. Short-term, insecure expedients are not the answer.

Yours faithfully,
GLENARTHUR,
Home Office,
50 Queen Anne's Gate, SW1.
May 23.

Second thoughts about Gatwick

From Mr A. J. Lucking

Sir, Lady Burton (May 23) is right to keep pressing for a second runway at Gatwick, even though the Civil Aviation Authority recently issued a report saying that it cannot conceive a way of providing one.

Before this depressing conclusion is accepted, American experts should be asked for a second opinion. Many airports there already are operated intensively and, in spite of rapidly increasing traffic, the policy is to secure more utilisation of existing sites rather than squandering resources on building at new ones.

The pressure generated by this policy is leading to the evolution of new air traffic control techniques which might solve some of the problems that we perceive as insuperable.

Your faithfully,
A. J. LUCKING,
Flat 20,
17 Broad Court,
Bow Street, WC2.
May 24.

From Mr Bryan Crimp

Sir, Lady Burton's paean (May 23) concerning Gatwick Airport is well deserved – it must, incidentally, also be the most *humane* of international airports – but she really must spare some thought for all those of us living near its margins. A second runway would make life for countless thousands a misery.

We have to maintain the present status quo. Few would deny that it is a difficult balancing act but it is one that can be achieved by continued ingenuity and concern.

Yours faithfully,
BRYAN CRIMP,
Newfoundout West,
Reeds Lane,
Southwater,
West Sussex.
May 24.

Immigration rules

From Mr N. J. C. Fieldhouse

Sir, I refer to the statement to the House of Commons made by Mr Waddington, Minister of State Home Office, and reported by your paper today (May 24). Mr Waddington refers to internal guidance on the application of the immigration rules being "regularly adjusted" and to the "possibility" of internal instructions being published.

The current treatment of the application of the immigration rules by the Home Office is wholly unacceptable in a democratic state with a rule of law. Whatever the legislature provides, whether by subordinate legislation or otherwise, must be readily available to members of the public and their independent advisers. The application of the law must not be subject to capricious or arbitrary rules of application or interpretation imposed by an administrative body.

If a Government department makes a general interpretation of the law which affects its application to the subject of aliens then such interpretation should be published and freely available. If the Inland Revenue can disseminate policy decisions in the form of Press releases than so can the Home Office.

The quasi-judicial decisions of the immigration and nationality departments of the Home Office affect individual liberty more fundamentally than the use of any fiscal provisions. In spite of this it is a commonplace experience among lawyers (such as myself) in the field of immigration law and practice to encounter apparently arbitrary decisions in the application of the immigration rules, made without reason and apparently contrary to a natural interpretation of the rules.

We do not live in a police state but my experience of the Immigration Department suggests that we are fast approaching that status in this area. Freedom of information, please, where the liberty of subjects and aliens is at stake.

Yours faithfully
N. J. C. FIELDHOUSE,
16 Berkeley Street, W1.
May 24.

More beds for Ariel

From Mr Robert Bevan

Sir, Mr Neil Hall suggests (May 21) three possible reasons for the sudden reappearance of wild cowslips in various parts of the country. I would like to add a fourth.

In many of the seed catalogues distributed by leading suppliers wild flower seeds now feature prominently, cowslips among them.

The use of these seeds in British gardens inevitably increases the chances of their invading other parts of the countryside through the good offices of birds and the usual carrying agents.

A stronger possibility than the phantom cowslip sower touring Britain to re-establish the plant?

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT BEVAN,
Upperby,
Pentrosfa,
Llandrindod Wells, Powys.

Cross purposes

From Mr E. W. F. Tomlin

Sir, I think Harry Ritchie's article of May 18 on the Angry Young Men should have explained that the expression originated with Leslie Paul's vigorous autobiography, *Angry Young Man*, published in 1951. And what about the original Angry Young Woman, Bridget Brophy? Her *Black Ship to Hell* (1962), despite its apotheosis of Freud, was a more powerful analysis of religion, art, crime and war than that of some of her wrathful male colleagues.

Choler where choler is due.

Yours faithfully,
E. W. F. TOMLIN,
31 Redan Street, W14.
May 20.

Of human bondage

From Mrs Pat Cooke

Sir, As a student working on Christmas postal deliveries 32 years ago I had to return all elastic bands used around letters to a strict ex-soldier postman.

Today I pick up dozens of elastic bands dropped by regular postmen on the pavements, and when I use them for fastening laundry bags, freezer food containers and firm negative orders I still hear the irate voice of that stern postman, if I had lost just one elastic band: "Are you trying to ruin this country with your profligacy?"

Yours faithfully,
PAT COOKE,
35 Sandiway,
Knutsford,
Cheshire.
May 21.

ON THIS DAY

MAY 29 1934

Glyndebourne Festival Opera was the concept of one man, John Christie (1882-1962), a former Eton master, landowner and opera enthusiast. In this unique venture, on which he spent a large part of his personal fortune, he was greatly helped by his wife the singer, Audrey Mildmay (1900-53). The first festival in the opera house, then seating 300 (now 800), was of a fortnight and consisted of Le Nozze di Figaro and Così fan tutte. In 1954 the Glyndebourne Arts Trust was formed to secure the future of the company. The review below is by Henry Cope Colles, Music Critic of The Times 1911-1943.

GLYNDEBOURNE FESTIVAL

"LE NOZZE DI FIGARO"

Susanna	AUDREY MILDMAY
Countess	AULIKKI RAUTAWAARA
Cherubino	LOUISE HELLETSGRUBER
Marcellina	CONSTANCE WILLIS
Barberina	WINIFRED RADFORD
Figaro	WILLI DOMGRAF-FASSBAENDER
Count	ROY HENDERSON
Bartolo	NORMAN ALLIN
Basilio	HEDDLE NASH
Antonio	FERGUS DUNLOP
Curzio	MORGAN JONES

Conductor: FRITZ BUSCH.

The Glyndebourne Festival of Opera was enabled by the weather to display its attractions to the full in the first performance of Mozart's *Figaro*, with which the theatre opened its doors yesterday. Not only were the visitors given the rare pleasure of a performance exquisite in every detail, but in the leisurely intervals they could enjoy the beauty of the gardens in mellow evening sunlight, the lilacs and laburnums at the height of their glory, the iris and even the tulips obligingly arranging to remain in full dress for the opening of the festival, even though they can hardly last out the fortnight. The audience, unlike the actors on the stage and the flowers in the garden, were a little uncomfortable about dress. Those who had yielded to the official request for evening dress envied the bolder spirits who had resisted. It would be to the comfort of all if it were recognized that evening dress is inappropriate to the circumstances.

Apart from this trifle there was nothing to mar the pleasure of the rare entertainment which the enterprise of Mr. John Christie and the combined artistry of Herr Fritz Busch and Herr Carl Ebert offers. These three names must be mentioned first and together, for it is by their unique cooperation that the festival attains its special character, and last night's performance of *Figaro* was conspicuous for the sense of unity between sight and sound. . . . The whole was played in the spirit of brilliant and scintillating comedy in which the musical speech of recitative sounded natural, the arias seemed to come inevitably at the right moments, and the *ensemble* movements, particularly the two great finales (Acts II. and IV.), had their proper effects of driving forward the drama to exuberant but never hasty climaxes. The opera was given virtually as Mozart wrote it, including even those arias of the fourth act for Basilio and Figaro which are often omitted. It was not a bit too long.

The singers were all carefully chosen for their parts. They represented different levels of experience, but all had worked together to make of this *Figaro* a new experience, and the fact that two were German, one Finnish, and the rest English, while the opera was sung in Italian, compelled new study from all alike. While the understanding of the language and its style in recitative was remarkably good all round, Mr. Heddle Nash's clever study of the part of Basilio seemed to set the example in this respect. At the beginning Herr Willi Domgraf-Fassbaender seemed to have a little difficulty in moderating his voice to the size of the house. It has been truly said that every whisper is audible in the Glyndebourne Theatre, and a *fortissimo* consequently should be reserved till it is really needed. Herr Fassbaender's is a highly vigorous and emotional Figaro, and his splendid voice gave us some of the finest music of the evening. Mr. Roy Henderson displayed an unexpected dramatic power as the Count. He managed to keep his dignity through all his impassioned outbursts, and the gesture of his final repentance before his Countess was exactly suited to bring the comedy of errors to a graceful conclusion. The women's voices were inclined to sound a little too slight in relation to such powerful men's voices as these, and that of Mr. Norman Allin, who made of Dr. Bartolo a large and genial old scamp. Miss Audrey Mildmay as Susanna was charming throughout in voice, look, and gesture, even if the range of "Deh Vieni" is a little wide for her voice, especially at the end of a strenuous evening. Mme. Rautawaara gave beautiful and unforced singing as the Countess and Mme. Luise Helletsgruber showed us a Cherubino breathless with excitement, which does not mean that her own breath control was anything but perfect. Indeed, vocally her performance was the most distinguished of the three. Mr. Hamish Wilson's beautiful scenic designs culminated in a garden scene with a double staircase which provided just the right setting for the intricate manoeuvres of the last act. Its starlit sky rivalled the reality to which the audience emerged when the opera was over. It was indeed an evening in which the beauties of reality and of imagination seemed fairly matched.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 28: The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron of the Air League, this evening awarded Air League Flying Scholarships and attended a Reception at the Institute of Directors, Pall Mall, SW1.

Afterwards, His Royal Highness, Patron of the London Federation of Boys' Clubs, visited the Bradfield Club, 5/13 Commercial Way, SE15 and the Alford House Club, Aveline Street, SE11, and was later present at dinner at the Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, W1.

Squadron Leader Timothy Finneron was in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, this afternoon received the Honorary Associateship of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons at the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, Belgrave Square, SW1.

Her Royal Highness was received by the President of the College (Professor E. Soulsby).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Commandant-in-Chief, St John's Ambulance and Nursing Cadets, this evening attended a Ball to launch "The Four Star's Golf Tournament", in aid of the Order of St John, at the Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, W1.

The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 28: The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Trust, this evening gave a Reception at Kensington Palace for Trustees, Officers and Regional Representatives of the Trust.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 28: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, as President of the Girl Guides Association, this afternoon visited Suffolk Girl Guides in Camp at Beveriche Manor, Yoxford.

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Mrs Jane Stevens.

The Queen will attend a service of thanksgiving on June 4 to celebrate the diamond jubilee of Mary Sumner House.

The Duke of Edinburgh, patron and trustee, will attend a reception at Rideau Hall in Ottawa, Canada, for girl guides who have reached the gold standard in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award on June 4.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Dame Bridget D'Oyly Carte will be held on June 26, 1985, at 4.30pm in the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy. Admission is by ticket only. Would those wishing to attend please telephone Mrs Jill Evans on 01-836 1533.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R. C. Crockford and Miss V. L. Campbell

The engagement is announced between Russell Charles, son of Mr and Mrs S. C. Crockford, of Donnell, Camberley, Surrey, and Victoria Louise, daughter of Mr and the Hon Mrs Donald Campbell, of Bagnor Manor, Newbury, Berkshire.

Captain J. E. Gorst and Miss S. Newman

The engagement is announced between Julian Eldon Gorst, 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, eldest son of Mr John Gorst, MP, and Mrs John Gorst, and Susanna Philippa Helen, daughter of Sir Gerard Newman, Bt, and Lady Newman, of Burloes, Royston, Hertfordshire.

Mr C. L. Falconer and Miss M. C. T. Hildyard

The engagement is announced between Charles, younger son of Mr J. Leslie Falconer and the late Mrs Anne M. Falconer, of West Linton, Peeblesshire, and Marianna, daughter of Sir David and Lady Hildyard, of 97 Onslow Square, London SW7.

Mr D. P. F. Birley and Miss C. J. Foxton

The engagement is announced between David, son of Major P. R. A. Birley, of Frampton, Dorset, and Mrs Rosamond O'Donovan, and Jan, youngest daughter of Mrs Thora Foxton, of Brigg, Lincolnshire, and the late Dr John Foxton.

Captain A. D. C. Gobourn and Miss C. K. Smith-Carington

The engagement is announced between Andrew, eldest son of Major and Mrs Peter Gobourn, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, and Claire, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Harry Smith-Carington, of Rockbourne, Hampshire.

Mr M. T. Sumner and Miss R. M. Yerke

The engagement is announced between Michael, only son of the late Mr Thomas Sumner and of Mrs Catherine Sumner, of Little Neston, Wirral, and Rachel, only daughter of Dr and Mrs Clifford Yorke, of Barnes, London SW13.

Mr C. Hardy and Miss P. Wyly

The engagement is announced between Chris, son of Mr and Mrs M. Hardy, and Pixie, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Wyly.

Mr J. C. Thomas and Miss J. Kleeman

The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs Denis Thomas, of Chislehurst, and Jackie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Harry Kleeman, of Hampstead.

Mr R. H. Williams and Miss H. C. Wakeham

The engagement is announced between Rhodri Huw, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Williams, of Newton, Swansea, and Hilary Clair, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Bryan Wakeham, of Reigate, Surrey.

Mr H. C. Wong and Miss C. M. Calthorpe

The engagement is announced between Hong Chai, son of Mr and Mrs P. C. Wong, of Hong Kong, and Mary, daughter of Mrs M. B. Calthorpe and the late Mr J. E. Calthorpe, of Glenageary, co Dublin.

Marriage

The Rev C. R. Levey and Lady Melissa Torrado

The Rev Colin Levey and Lady Melissa Torrado were married quietly last Friday in Worcestershire.

The night sky in June

By Our Astronomy Correspondent

Mercury will be in superior conjunction on the 7th and probably not observable this month, unless perhaps glimpsed in the sunset glow near the end when it will be quite bright and setting over an hour after the Sun.

Venus is a bright morning star rising about two hours before the Sun. It will reach greatest elongation (46°) on the 12th and the Moon will be near it on the 14th.

Mars is an evening object but now rather lost in the evening twilight.

Jupiter rises before midnight but is not quite on the map. Moon in the area on the 7th and 8th.

Saturn is readily observable all evening and will not set until the early hours. Moon close to it on the 1st and approaching it on the 28th.

Uranus is now on the map and will reach opposition on the 6th. Its magnitude will be 5.5, just possible with good sight and a perfect night and readily seen with binoculars. Focus on Antares and then move the instrument slowly to your left looking for a greenish object.

Neptune is also on the map and will reach opposition on the 23rd, but its magnitude is 7.9 and this planet is hardly worth looking for without a moderate telescope.

The Moon: full, 3d04h; last quarter, 10d08h; new, 18d12h; first quarter, 85d19h.

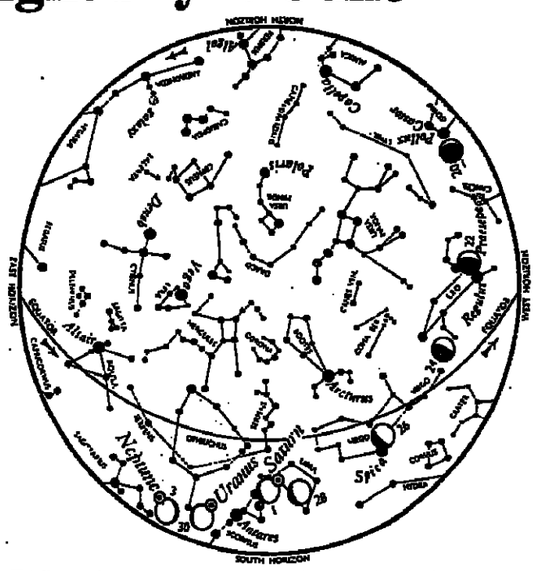
The summer solstice is at 21d11h. This is nominally the longest day, but in fact the change at this time of year is very small. To the nearest minute 19th to 23rd are all the same length and the variation is only by 16 minutes over the whole month.

What is a "moderate" or "small" telescope? What I am thinking of when I write those words is not a well-equipped amateur obsevatory, but an ordinary spotting telescope of 1½ to 3in aperture and a magnification between 15 and 50. I have seen Saturn's rings with a power of only 10, but that is rather over-optimistic. What is essential is some kind of firm stand; few people can hold a telescope steadily enough for astronomical purposes, especially if there is any air stirring.

Apart from its low altitude, Saturn is quite well placed for observation this month and next, and the ring system is well open. As the plane of the rings is inclined at 27° with that of the ecliptic we sometimes sees tha north face, as now, and sometimes the south. In 1980 they were edge-on, and, as they are very thin, they disappeared in small telescopes. The present opening is 23°. There are three main rings and several subsidiary ones; they are not solid, but are composed of myriads of discrete particles.

Saturn has nine major satellites (and some lesser ones) and the largest, Titan, is visible in small telescopes. It will be west of the planet until the 7th; east until the 14th; west until the 23rd and east again until the end.

As mentioned last month the sky is never really dark in June as in the latitude of the British Isles astronomical twilight lasts all night. Of the brighter stars the Arcturus-Spica-Denebola (the tail of Leo) triangle is in the west and the Deneb-Altair-Vega triangle in the east. Cassiopeia low in the north is the right way up as a letter W. The Plough, Ursa Major on our map, is high in the sky and sometimes difficult to spot unless you are facing west.



The diagram shows the brighter stars that will be above the horizon in the latitude of London at 23h (11pm) at the beginning, 22h (10pm) in the middle, and 21h (9pm) at the end of the month, local mean times. All places away from the Greenwich meridian the Greenwich times at which the diagram applies are later than the above by one hour for each 15 deg west of Greenwich and earlier by a like amount if the place be east. The map should be turned so that the horizon the observer is facing (shown by the words around the circle) is at the bottom, the zenith being at the centre.

Birthdays today

Sir Douglas Black, 72; the Dowager Viscountess Davidson, 91; Major-General T. H. F. Foulkes, 77; Mr Peter Fraser, QC, MP, 40; Lieutenant-General Sir George Gordon Lennox, 77; Miss Linda Esther Gray, 37; Sir John Herbecq, 63; Sir Trevor Holdsworth 58; Mr Bob Hope, 82; Professor Robert Knox, 81; Miss Beatrice Lillie, 91; Sir James Marjoribanks, 74; the Earl of Morley, 62; Miss Nanette Newman, 46; Professor Arthur Phillips, 78; the Earl of Ranfurly, 72; Lord Reilly, 73; Mr Sebastian Shaw, 80; Sir George Terry, 64; Mr Carl Toms, 58; Sir Bernard Waley-Cohen, 71; General Sir Richard Worsley, 62.

Meeting

Royal Commonwealth Society

Dame Peggy Ashcroft was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Royal Commonwealth Society yesterday.

Gardeners' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Gardeners' Company for the ensuing year:

Master, Mr W. P. Maclagan; Upper Warden, Major A. B. Hurrell; Renter Warden, Judge Leslie.

University news

Wales

University College, Cardiff

Appointments

Senior lectureships: Mr C M Boyd (music); Mr T T Lewis (mechanical engineering and energy studies).

Grants

Science and Engineering Research Council: Allen Steel and Wire Ltd: £211,942 to Professor B Ralph for a teaching company programme.

SERC: £66,196 to Dr R Hine, Dr R Potter, Dr G Richards and Professor R H Williams, for a project on X-ray diffraction of semiconductor surfaces and thin films.

Department of Trade and Industry: £88,850 to Professor B J Brinkworth to continue the service of energy equipment testing.

Sheffield

Grants

Ministry of Defence: £90,466 to Dr S Parke for a tunable dimer laser.

Science and Engineering Research Council: £66,926 to Dr P I Rockett and Professor P N Robson, for the study of ion implantation into GaAlAs/GaAs heterostructures for laser applications.

Department of Health and Human Services (US): £51,628 to Dr C Bradley for improving diabetes control using feedback techniques.

Medical Research Council: £70,688 to Dr P J Artymiuk for conformational studies on biological macromolecules in relation to function.

Southampton

Dr Ralph Scurlock, director of the university's institute of cryogenics, to be BOC professor of cryogenic engineering.

Professor Donald McLean, of Loughborough University, has been appointed to the chair of aeronautics.

Luncheon

United Newspapers

The Chairman and directors of United Newspapers gave a luncheon yesterday at the Savoy Hotel for business associates and friends. Mr David R. Stevens welcomed the guests and Mr Hugh Dundas replied.

Reception

Air League

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron of the Air League, attended a reception at the Institute of Directors last night in aid of the Air League Educational Trust. He was received by Dr J. E. Henderson, chairman, and presented badges to flying scholarship winners.

Dinner

International Cultural Exchange

Mr Sidney Bidwell, MP, entertained the members and guests of the International Cultural Exchange at dinner in the House of Commons last night. Among those present were:

The High Commissioner for Swaziland and Mrs Mamba, the Deputy High Commissioner for Malaysia and Mrs Yeop Adlan Rose, and the chairman, Dr R U Hingorani.

Service dinner

Army Air Corps

Prince Michael of Kent was the principal guest at the biennial dinner of the Director of the Army Air Corps, Major-General J. D. W. Goodman, which was held at Middle Wallop last night.

Fuellers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Fuellers' Company for the ensuing year:

Master, Mr Martyn R. Wakefield; Senior Warden, Mr Peter Brewis; Junior Warden, Mr Richard N. Horne.

Church news

Church in Wales

The Rev R Haromski, curate of St John's Maindee, Newport, to be Vicar of the grouped parishes of Llanishen with Trellech Grange, with Llanfihangel Tor-Y-Mynydd and Llanover.

Canon P G Gower, Vicar of Ragian with Llandenny and Rector of Llansoy, to the Benefice of Brynwyn, grouped with the parishes of Raglan and Llandenny.

The Rev B J Lloyd, curate of St Mary's, Malpas, Newport, to be Vicar of the Benefice of Bisenau on with Capel Newydd.

The Rev P Starey, Vicar of Pontnewynydd, to be Vicar of the grouped parishes of Bettws Newydd with Trostrey and Kemeys Commander and Llanfihangel Gobion with Llanfair Kilgeddin.

Church of Scotland

The Rev J L Weatherhead, Montrose Old Church, to be principal clerk to the General Assembly.

The Rev I M P Davidson, Cambuslang Old, to Allan Park South with Church of the Holy Rude, Stirling.

The Rev Gilbert L Thomson, Chalmers Church, Wishaw, to Old, Stranraer.

The Rev Kenneth Petrie to Stonehaven, South.

The Rev David W McCreadie to Kirkintilloch.

The Rev John Holt to be assistant minister, Broom.

The Very Rev Margaret Stewart, to be deputy leader, Iona Community.

The Rev Andrew T Greaves to be chaplain, Loretto School.

Scottish Episcopal Church

The Rev G J Simmons, Rector of St Columba's, Oxford, with St James's Muthill, with St Serf's Comrie (St Andrews), to be Rector of St Olaf's, Kirkwall, and of St Mary's, Stromness (Aberdeen).

The Rev W T M Pirie, worker priest-in-charge, St John's Eastgate, Dumfries (Glasgow), to be priest in-charge of St John's, Moffat (Glasgow).

The Rev K T Roach, Rector of St John's, Johnstone, (Glasgow), to be Rector of All Saints, Bearsden, with St Andrew's, Milngavie (Glasgow).

The Rev Dr G Telfint, Rector of St Michael's, Elie, and St John's, Pittenweem (St Andrews), to be Rector of St Mary's, Dunbarton (St Andrews), and St Kessog's, Auchterarder (St Andrews).

Latest wills

Mrs Margaret Jacques, of Duffield, Derbyshire, left estate valued at £241,555 net. After bequests totalling £22,000 and effects she left four fifths of the residue equally between the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, the British Heart Foundation, and the Children's Society.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):

Blake, Mr Donald Charles Matthews, of Sale £318,535

Evans, Dr Geoffrey Griffith Owen, of Pontardawe, West Glamorgan £342,495

Hayter, Mr Charles William John Hugh, of Privett, West Meon, Hampshire £493,191

Jessamy, Mr Frederick David, of South Benfleet, Essex £271,094

Johnson, Miss Edith Annie, of Reading £354,256

Nathan, Mr James Edward, of Worthing £293,428

Noble, Mrs Jessie, of Cricklewood, London £335,401

Wynn, Mr Edward Donald, of Charlton Kings, Gloucestershire £766,093

Sale room

£29,700 for drawing of dancer by Bakst

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

Mementoes of great ballets and theatrical productions sold well at Sotheby's yesterday; a particularly inspired drawing by Leon Bakst of the dancer Ida Rubinstein fetched £29,700 (estimate £15,000 to £20,000).

The drawing shows her in the armour of Saint Sebastian, the role she played in Diaghilev's ballet *Le Martyre de Saint Sebastien* in 1911. Robert de Montesquiou recorded the extraordinary impact she made in the role: "I call her the Archangel of Gold, Michael unmasked, with, under the little helmet, that ivory face with gem-like eyes capable of looking into our hearts, and locks of hair which seem to be the expression of the poet's phrase, 'clusters of pain'."

Another Bakst drawing, a gouache and pastel design for a backdrop used for Sophocles' play *Oedipus at Colonna*, at the Alexandryoski Theatre in St Petersburg in 1903, sold for £13,200 (estimate £12,000 to £15,000) to E. P. Goldschmidt, the London dealer.

A costume designed by Salvador Dali for a girl dressed as a dandelion was another high flyer, selling for £11,000 (estimate £6,000 to £8,000) to M. Fleiss of Paris. It was for the surrealist ballet *Tristan Fou*, choreographed by Massine to excerpts from Wagner's *Tristan und Isolde* and given at the International Theatre, New York, in 1944. The sale totalled £331,903, with 11 per cent left unsold.

Sotheby's picture sale in Florence on Monday night made a total of £342,921. The top price came as a surprise. A painting attributed to the workshop of Guercino, depicting "San Antonio da Padova", sold for 71 million lire (estimate 8 million to 12 million lire), or £27,668.

The manuscript and book sale at Sotheby's in London yesterday morning totalled £63,792, with 8 per cent unsold. A document signed by William Harvey, discoverer of the circulation of the blood, was sold for £2,640 (estimate £1,000 to £1,500). It is a warrant for payments relating to servants of the Royal Household and is dated April 6, 1636. Harvey's handwriting is the greatest rarity.

OBITUARY

MR GEOFFREY GORER
Anthropologist and critic

Mr Geoffrey Gorer, who died on May 24 at the age of 80, was an anthropologist, sociologist and critic who wrote on a wide range of subjects, and who, though he never held an academic post himself, was respected by those who did.

Geoffrey Edgar Gorer was born in London on 26 March, 1905. He was educated at Charterhouse and at Jesus College, Cambridge, where he took degrees in Classics and Modern Languages. After this he travelled, studying at the Sorbonne and at the universities of Berlin and Florence. He became a friend of W. H. Auden, who dedicated one of his volumes of verse to him.

At this time he wanted to be a playwright, but none of those he wrote was produced commercially. In 1933 Hitler came to power, and Gorer became interested in the then new-fangled term, "Sadism". The book with which he made his name, *The Revolutionary Ideas of the Marquis de Sade* (1934), was a serious and scholarly study of its subject, to whom it was, in the main, sympathetic.

Thus Gorer was a pioneer and in a sense founder of a movement or cult which culminated in Peter Weiss's much-discussed play *Marat Sade*. He was the first person outside France to discern that there was much more to Sade than a long-winded pornographer.

In 1934 Gorer made a three-month tour of what was then French West Africa, to study tribal customs. The fruit of this tour, *African Dances* (1935), was anthropologically somewhat wanting, but was much praised for what it said about tribal dances.

Gorer now decided to become a professional anthropologist. He visited the Dutch East Indies and French Indo-China, and in 1936 went to America to receive academic training from the anthropologists Margaret Mead and Ruth Benedict. He learned a great deal from these two gifted and eccentric women, but was never felt to be completely sound on the fundamentals of kinship.

In 1937 Gorer joined an expedition, led by Major C. J. Morris, to the Himalayas, to study the tribe called Lepchas, who live in Sikkim on the slopes of Mount Kangchenjunga. While on this trip Gorer sustained serious injuries from a fall on to some rocks; he never wholly recovered, and from that time onwards fieldwork was made impossible for him. However, his study of the Lepchas: *Himalayan Village* (1938), though a little hurriedly written, proved to be a distinguished contribution to anthropology.

Gorer next turned to sociology, accepting an invitation from the Humanities Division of the Rockefeller Institute to study the impact of radio and film on the American people. He travelled all over America, and in 1937 published *Hot Strip Tease*, followed eventually by the much-acclaimed *The Americans* (1948), his best-known work. In the meantime he had joined the staff of the Institute of Human Relations at Yale, and during the Second World War he was attached to the British Embassy in Washington.

In 1950 he returned to England, and settled near Haywards Heath, where he bought a farm, settled down as a free-lance sociologist and enjoyed gardening. He continued to produce books, among them the often very funny *Exploring British Character*, which also, however, contained valuable material, scientifically obtained, and *The Danger of Equality*.

Gorer was meticulous in his procedures, highly intelligent and usually impartial – although he had a bias against sexual activity and romantic love, both of which baffled rather than merely puzzled him, and that sometimes obtruded. His style was excellent, his books never superficial, yet always entertaining.

THE HON TERENCE PRITTIE

CNJ writes:

The Hon Terence Prittie, MBE, who died yesterday at the age of 71, was one of the leading foreign correspondents of his generation.

Born on December 15, 1913, the younger son of the 5th Lord Dunalley, he was educated at Stowe and Christ Church, Oxford, and joined the Rifle Brigade in 1938. When he came back from the war in 1945, he joined the staff of the *Manchester Guardian* (later *The Guardian*) and remained for 25 years, first as its cricket correspondent, then its chief correspondent in Germany for 16 years, and finally its diplomatic correspondent.

Prittie was the author of 16 books, including the lives of Konrad Adenauer, for many years the standard work, and Willy Brandt, and a study of the German Resistance. In *My Germans*, a series of anecdotal pieces, Terence Prittie showed his affection for the country of his student years, of his wartime imprisonment (captured at Calais, he escaped six times), and of his formative period as a journalist. He was thus remarkably well placed to report Germany's ruin and renaissance.

Terence was both British and Irish; and this precluded him when dealing with Germans and, later, Israelis from presenting an English stereotype. He offered them all a personality altogether more humorous and unpredictable, with a taste for burlesque and farce.

Terence once decided that it would be good for the British Embassy, Bonn, and for the Industrieklub, Dusseldorf, to have a bit of a shock. So he spread the rumour that Dr Adenauer had had a stroke in Tokyo, which he was then visiting and was believed for a whole day.

During the last 15 years of his life, Prittie devoted himself as publicist to the service of the state of Israel. He had come to know the country while still a correspondent in Germany and been much impressed by the quality of its leaders. This was to bring him to the editorship of *Britain and Israel*, a learned commentary which highlighted Israel's predicament and tried to introduce a reasoned approach into the inflamed Middle East.

Part of Prittie's function was to tour British universities and address meetings in the United States. He often disarmed or quietened Arabs who were present by his imperturbable humour and by references to their reputation for courtesy.

Terence Prittie was a highly critical Conservative. His great moral quality was perhaps his respect for the traditions and vital interests of the world's communities, not least of his native Ireland. He knew nations for what they really were, good and bad; and enjoyed their differences.

Highly idiosyncratic himself, he valued above all originality in others; but not at the expense of sanity. His main public memorial will probably be his work in British-German relations. Here he was one of the most sincere and persistent bridge-builders: itself an immense distinction. To his friends he will always remain a unique, spontaneous character.

Señor Raúl Borrás, Argentine Defence Minister since 1983, died on May 25 at the age of 51.

Judge William Christianson, who sat at the Nuremberg trials of Nazi war criminals, died at Red Wing, Minnesota, on May 27, at the age of 92. He served on the three-judge tribunal which found the industrialist Friedrich Flick and two associates guilty of war crimes and later presided at the trial of 21 members of Hitler's cabinet.

Science report

Breakthrough made in combating malaria

By a Special Correspondent

The answer has been found to a question that has been asked for at least 50 years: we now know that the tiny parasite that causes human malaria has seven chromosomes in its single cell.

The technique supplying the answer is being applied to other parasites, and eventually it will bring a better understanding of the ways in which the parasites can avoid destruction, either by the human body's defence systems or by drugs. That should lead to new ideas on conquering some of the worst diseases in the world.

It was only in 1956 that it was finally decided that there were 46 chromosomes (23 pairs) in the human cell. But the chromosomes of the malaria parasite, *Plasmodium falciparum*, have remained hard to count. Even with the new technique, they cannot be clearly seen; rather, their number is estimated by sorting them according to size.

Dr Charles Cantor, of the University of Columbia, New York, pioneered the new technique chiefly to study yeast. In essence, it separates different molecules of DNA – the molecules that compose chromosomes – by their lengths; the longer they are, the more time they take to line up in an electrical field to pass through small holes in a gel.

As it happens, the chromosomes of *Plasmodium*, of trypanosomes (which cause sleeping sickness), and of several other human and animal parasites are ideally suited in size to the technique, which is therefore now being widely applied.

Dr Robin Anders and his colleagues at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research in Melbourne, Australia, are responsible for applying Cantor's technique to malaria. They have separated the malarial DNA into seven different sizes, representing seven different chromosomes.

The seven sizes, however, are not constant when parasites from different parts of the world are compared. That is probably related to variations in the parasite, some of which may account for local variations of the disease.

For example, in some areas of the world the malaria parasite has developed resistance to drugs that used to kill it. "There is no way to predict the spread of drug resistance nor to explain why some geographical areas seem to have escaped it", according to Professor Frank Cox, a London University parasitologist.

Perhaps the answer is that some variants will be distinguishable by the sizes of their chromosomes. If the development of resistance can be attributed to a particular chromosome, it can be isolated experimentally, making it easier to trace exactly which gene is involved and to study how resistance might be controlled.

Furthermore, Professor Cox comments, the more that is known about the chromosomes and genes of the parasite the better the chances of designing an effective vaccine. Dr Anders and his colleagues, who have been working on possible vaccines, have already been able to determine on which of the seven chromosomes are located the genes for four different proteins that might be the basis of vaccines.

Parallel studies on a variety of trypanosomes and related parasites have been under way at The Netherlands Cancer Institute in Amsterdam, under the guidance of Dr Piet Borst. Most of the species examined there have more than 20 large chromosomes and anything from zero to more than 100 mini-chromosomes. A start has been made on attributing genes to individual chromosomes.

Unlike the malarial parasite, trypanosomes have the ability to escape the attacks of the immune system by continually changing their surface coats, and while something is known of the mechanism by which changes occur more should follow once the relevant chromosomes can be identified.

Source: *Nature*, vol 315, p 347 (May 23, 1985), The EMBO J, vol 3, p 3109.

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Chancery Division

Duty to give adequate time for reply

Regina v Secretary of State for Social Services, Ex parte Association of Metropolitan Authorities

Before Mr Justice Webster

[Judgment delivered May 21]

The secretary of state in the exercise of his duty to consult organizations representing local authorities before making amendments to Regulations under the Social Security and Housing Benefits Act 1982 was under an obligation to give such organizations adequate time to provide an informed response.

Mr Justice Webster so held in the Queen's Bench Division in granting a declaration to the Association of Metropolitan Authorities that the Secretary of State for Social Services had failed to discharge his duty to consult the association pursuant to section 36(1) of the Social Security and Housing Benefits Act 1982 before making and laying before Parliament the Housing Benefits (Amendment) (No 4) Regulations (SI 1984 No 1965).

Mr Roger Henderson, QC and Mr David Holgate for the association; Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Mr Christopher Symons for the secretary of state.

MR JUSTICE WEBSTER said that on November 16, 1984 the secretary of state wrote to the association requesting its views on proposed changes to regulations 6, 8, and 23 of the Housing Benefits Regulations (SI 1982 No 1124), which would have the effect of closing loopholes whereby in some circumstances housing benefit might become payable to non-dependent adult offspring living with their parents and making a board and lodging contribution. It was proposed to give local authorites power to disentitle a claimant for housing benefit where liability to pay rent or rates was contrived so as to take advantage of the scheme.

The association received the letter on November 22 and was asked to give its response by November 30. The association replied saying that five working days was insufficient time to provide a considered response.

The secretary of state did not respond to that letter. On December 4 the secretary of state wrote notifying the association of further proposed amendments to regulation 23 to provide that where a joint occupier was previously a non-dependant of one or more joint occupiers, that person would not be eligible for housing benefit unless the local authority was satisfied that the joint tenancy was not created to take advantage of the scheme.

The association was asked for its response by December 12. The proposed amendments were not sent to the association before the Regulations were made. The material feature of the amendments was that they required local authorities to inform themselves about the tenancy relationship during the eight weeks prior to the creation of the joint tenancy to decide whether or not it had been created so as to take advantage of the scheme.

The association replied to the December 4 letter on December 13 noting that it had not received a copy of the draft amendments, and that it had not received detailed comments from its advisers. On December 17 the Regulations were made and on December 18 they were laid before Parliament. They came into effect on December 19.

The urgency of the need for amendments to the existing Regulations, as seen by the secretary of state, was such that the department was entitled to require a prompt response from the association.

The association had no knowledge, until after the Regulations were made, of the provisions therein requiring local authorities to investigate tenancy conditions up to eight weeks prior to the creation of a joint tenancy. There was a failure on the part of the secretary of state sufficiently to consult the association, which might have been in a position to offer informed advice given more time.

There were several amendments to consider and in such short time only piecemeal and partial assistance could be given. Section 36(1) of the 1982 Act was mandatory, not directory, and had not been complied with. A declaration would be granted to that effect.

In the ordinary way *certiorari* would lie to quash a decision reached *ultra vires*: see *Grunwick Processing Laboratories Ltd v ACAS* ([1978] AC 655). The ordinary case was where a ministerial decision might affect individual rights without more than individual or local implications. Here the Regulations affected the law of the land.

Moreover, the association had complained not of a general failure to consult, but only of the failure to consult them. In reality the complaint was not against the substance of the Regulations, but against the failure to consult.

Local authorities would by now have adapted to any difficulties engendered by administering the Regulations. If they were revoked claimants who had been refused housing benefit while the Regulations had been in force would be entitled to make fresh claims.

The most that they would be entitled to however, would be six months' benefit, because the Regulations themselves had now been consolidated in the Housing Benefits (Consolidation) Regulations (SI 1985 No 677). The Regulations would therefore not be quashed.

Solicitors: Mr A. A. Child, Greenwich; Solicitor, DHSS.

Writ assists in judgment not execution

Lipkin Gorman (a firm) v Cass

Before Mr Justice Walton

[Judgment delivered May 20]

The writ *ne exeat regno* was a means of assisting a plaintiff in obtaining judgment not in executing it, but obtaining judgment entailed the plaintiff obtaining an order in a form which could be properly executed. Unless and until that happened the plaintiff was still prosecuting his action rather than proceeding to execution on it.

Mr Justice Walton so held in the Chancery Division refusing to discharge an order made by Mr Justice Harman on February 12, 1985 that her Majesty's writ *ne exeat regno* issue out of the Supreme Court of Judicature to restrain the defendant from departing out of the jurisdiction of the court.

Mr Thomas Putnam for the plaintiff; Mr Ivan Krolick for the defendant.

MR JUSTICE WALTON said that the defendant, Norman Barry Cass, had been a partner in the plaintiff firm until 1980 when he had helped himself to more than £200,000 of clients' money. After spending three years in Israel he was extradited and was now in prison.

The plaintiff sought to recover the stolen money and therefore needed an inquiry into any monetary accounts with building societies, banks and other depositees the defendant might have had.

On February 12, Mr Justice Harman, *inter alia*, granted the plaintiff an injunction restraining the defendant from dealing with any moneys in such accounts, made orders that the defendant disclose to the plaintiff details of any such accounts and issued a writ *ne exeat regno* against the defendant which in practical terms meant that his passport was impounded. The defendant did not comply with the mandatory orders made against him.

By a notice of motion dated May 4 the plaintiff applied to have the defendant committed to Pentonville Prison for disobeying the order of February 12 and sought further mandatory orders to compel the defendant to disclose the information they sought. In the course of that hearing, counsel for Mr Cass argued that the writ *ne exeat regno* should not have issued and should be discharged.

The question of the existence and scope of that writ was discussed in *Felton v Callis* ([1969] 1 QB 200, 211) by Mr Justice Megarry, who specified four conditions that had to be met:

(1) The action was one in which the defendant would formerly have been liable to arrest at law.

(2) A good cause of action for at least £50 was established.

(3) There was probable cause for believing that the defendant was about to quit England unless he was arrested.

(4) The absence of the defendant from England would materially prejudice the plaintiff in the prosecution of his action.

In the present case there was no problem with the first two conditions.

It was also within the spirit of the third condition in that Mr Cass made no secret of the fact that he would leave England as soon as he was free to do so, and that might be as early as October. Prisoners absconding on week-end parole were not unknown and therefore it was not possible to assume that he would remain in prison to the end of his term.

The fourth condition was the most difficult. Mr Justice Megarry, made clear that *ne exeat regno* was not a writ that was in any sense a substitute for or an adjunct to execution. The writ was to assist the plaintiff in obtaining judgment not in executing it.

Mr Krolick argued that as the defendant had put in no defence to the action and admitted all allegations in the statement of claim the plaintiff could sign judgment at any moment so that it could not be in the prosecution of their action that the absence of the defendant abroad would materially prejudice them.

That was a very attractive submission, but it rested upon a fallacy. Where one had the kind of action that the plaintiff had on foot at the moment, seeking an order that the defendant do all that was necessary to procure the delivery up of all moneys and properties as represented the £200,000, any order made was really a declaration in the air unless and until the plaintiff had sought and obtained an inquiry as to what precisely should be contained in the order. Before it could be given any teeth it had to be made in a much more positive form.

When Mr Justice Megarry talked about the prosecution of an action in the fourth condition it seemed to least to the plaintiff obtaining an order in a form which could be properly executed. Unless and until that had happened the plaintiff was still prosecuting the action and not proceeding to execution thereon.

As the four conditions in *Felton v Callis* had been met his Lordship saw no reason in the exercise of his discretion for discharging the order *ne exeat regno*. If Mr Cass complied with the orders to disclose the information sought and purged his contempt, then it would be right that the writ should be discharged. But until then the order would remain, as there was always a risk that he would put himself beyond the jurisdiction of the court.

Solicitors: Reynolds Porter Chamberlain; Clifford Watts Compton & Co.

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Optimism in the air as Paris shows the way

The world's plane makers forgather at the 36th Paris Air Show this weekend (May 31/June 9) in a mood of optimism even more marked than when they last met at Farnborough last September.

All the signs are now pointing to a sustained resurgence of air travel at least up to the end of the century. The growing clamour for deregulation should lead to more planes in the skies and in addition most airlines will be replacing their older and less efficient fleets.

With political tensions and conflicts ever present around the world and East-West relations remaining strained, the normally buoyant military aviation sector is poised for a new wave of buying, notably in the fighter and guided weapon fields. And exploitation of space, for both military and commercial ends, should provide much increased earnings for the satellite builders and the high-tech electronics companies.

Amid the tightest security operation mounted at an air show, 33 countries will be represented at Paris, with 1,000 exhibitors and 350 company chalets. Display space was exhausted several months ago and there has been a waiting list to take over from drop-outs.

A sure sign of the healthier climate in the aerospace industry is the return to the international air show circuit of some of the big US companies who pulled out a couple of years ago because of the huge expense of exhibiting.

Most of the 200 aircraft on display will have been at Farnborough but once again the Russian presence should provide some new talking points. Among the newcomers is expected to be the Antonov AN-12, a huge cargo aircraft which the Russians predictably claim is the largest in the world, and the AN-124, an engine believed to be similar to the Rolls-Royce RB-211 and which will give western observers an insight to the latest state of Russian technology.

The ever-decreasing size and increasing power of the microchip and computers is opening up new vistas of almost limitless possibilities for not only the building of aircraft but for controlling and operating them in truly revolutionary ways.

Fly-by-wire technology, automatic landing systems and the introduction of the mini-stick to replace the familiar joystick, are examples of the ways advanced avionics are changing drastically the flight deck of airliners and fighter cockpits.

Dials giving way to computer screens

The numerous clusters of dials and instruments are fast disappearing in favour of easy-to-read computer screens.

Greater application of composite materials such as aluminium-lithium, carbon fibre, titanium alloys and plastics also promises a revolution in the weight of aircraft and therefore their fuel consumption and efficiency.

On the military front, the new technologies are giving designers exciting possibilities for aircraft and operation systems well into the next century. In the US "stealth" technology for reducing the detectability of aircraft is being developed rapidly for the top-secret Advanced Tactical Fighter and Advanced Technology Bomber.

Meanwhile in Europe the arguments continue to rage over the proposed European Fighter Aircraft (EFA) for Nato, which is to be equipped with a new engine, to replace the existing Jaguars, Phantoms and Lockheed F-104s.

In total, the world's plane makers are looking forward to consistent, steady growth in all military, civil and space sectors up to the end of the century and beyond. By adding the cost of possible new airports, production plants and research and development, the global value of the business could be more than £2,500 billion by the year 2000.

Of most significance is that the world airline industry last year returned to profitability after six years and 1985 profits are forecast to be about $1.5 bn. According to the International Air Transport Association, the airlines will have to spend between $150 billion and $200 bn in the next 10 years to replace equipment and cope with traffic growth.

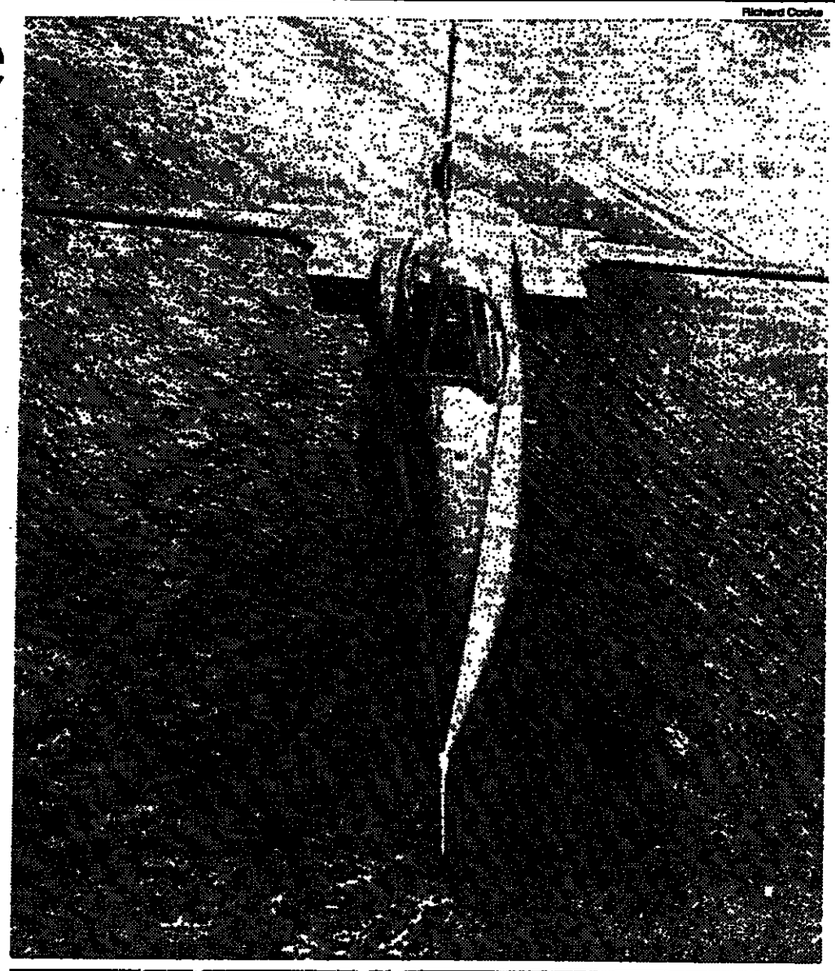
In Britain, there is an air of optimism and expectancy after the Government's decision to fully denationalize the increasingly successful British Aerospace and the long-awaited privatization of British Airways.

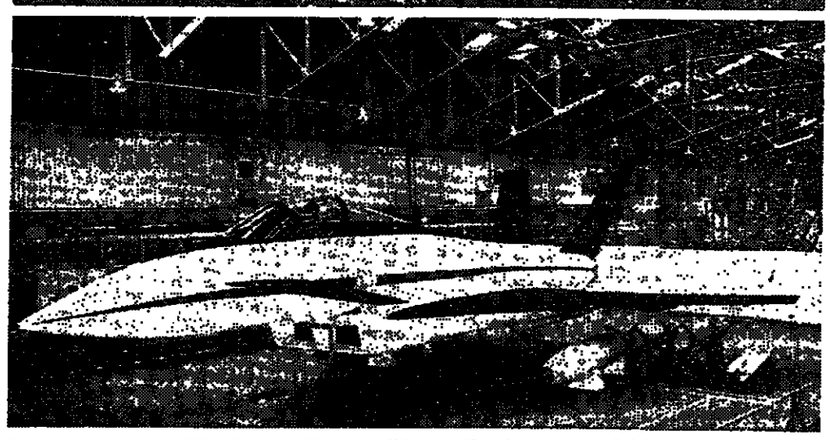
Forecasts from the big three civil aircraft manufacturers – Boeing, Airbus and McDonnell Douglas – tend to confirm the overview that prospects are at their brightest for many years. Airbus sees the world airliner fleet doubling by 2004 with passenger traffic having tripled. About 9,100 new airliners will be bought in the 20 years, it says, at a total value of $470bn at 1984 prices.

Boeing's estimate is that the commercial aircraft market will be worth $160bn in the 10 years to 1995 with 4,005 aircraft delivered.

So while the 400,000 expected visitors to Paris will see few brand new aeroplanes they should be able to witness a world industry that is reasserting itself as the leader in the use of new technologies and in a commercial mood transformed from the gloom of a few years ago.

Edward Townsend
Industrial Correspondent


Richard Cooke



Present and future: The Panavia Tornado F2 on Atlantic patrol and (above) a mock-up of the Agile Combat Aircraft which is a joint European project for service in the 1990s

Record exports earn millions

The British aerospace manufacturing industry goes to the Le Bourget *salon* having recently announced that it achieved record exports during 1984 of £3.56 billion, or 3½ per cent of the manufactured goods which Britain sent abroad. The industry, consisting of 300 companies employing 200,000 workers, produces more than two per cent of gross national product (GNP), and has increased its share of the western world's aerospace trade from 10 per cent in the 1960s to 17 per cent today.

Aircraft and aircraft parts make up the largest proportion of the export total, followed by engines, spares and equipment – guided weapons, tyres, radios, radars, instruments, flight simulators, parachutes and miscellaneous items. The industry's capability, in fact, embraces the entire spectrum of aerospace activities, from basic research through design and development, to the production of specialised hardware such as space vehicles, electronics and materials. The industry claims that, in the West, only the United States has a similarly wide range.

Ironically, while the US is Britain's biggest competitor for aerospace markets, it is also the largest buyer of UK aerospace goods and this has remained the case over at least the past 10 years. West Germany has been the second best market, with France, India and Italy exchanging third place year by year.

Several major export deals have been struck by British companies since the world industry last gathered, at the Farnborough show in September, 1984. British Aerospace, the remaining stake in which has just been sold to the private sector by the Government, signed a memorandum of understanding with the People's Republic of China for the sale of 10 146 86-seater airliners, worth £120 million with deliveries beginning in June next year.

BAe has also been awarded a contract, worth a similar amount, by the International Maritime Satellite Organisation for three satellites. The British company will have 34 per cent of the work, with the remainder going to companies in the US, France, West Germany, Holland and Italy, and there are options for up to six more satellites, bringing the potential value up to £325 million.

Short Brothers won the contract to supply the RAF's jet-prop trainer and will make the Brazilian Tucano design at its factories in Belfast, while Westland Aerospace gained an order worth £14.5 million from Boeing Vertol for the manufacture of 192 sets of fuel pods in composite material for CH-47 Chinook helicopters.

Rolls-Royce signed an agreement with the European engine companies Turbomeca of France and MTU of West Germany, to promote the sale throughout the world of engines being developed in the 850hp to 2,100hp range and has been awarded contracts in partnership with companies in the US and West Germany for feasibility studies on a new long-range, stand-off missile with a conventional warhead.

Huge investments now necessary

But although the overall performance of the UK Aerospace industry is encouraging, there are a number of factors which prevent it from doing even better and these were listed in evidence given recently by the Society of British Aerospace Companies (SBAC) to the House of Lords Select Committee on Overseas Trade.

SBAC gave them as: the huge initial investments now necessary for major programmes; the fact that British companies find they are not always competing on equal terms with their foreign counterparts when they try to sell defence equipment abroad; the financing of big orders and insurance cover through Export Credit Guarantee Department; offset demands by customers; skill shortages and peaks and troughs in production.

The leaders of the British industry feel that government should do more to support the industry financially, on the grounds that commercial banks are rarely prepared to lend aerospace companies the large sums which they require over long periods.

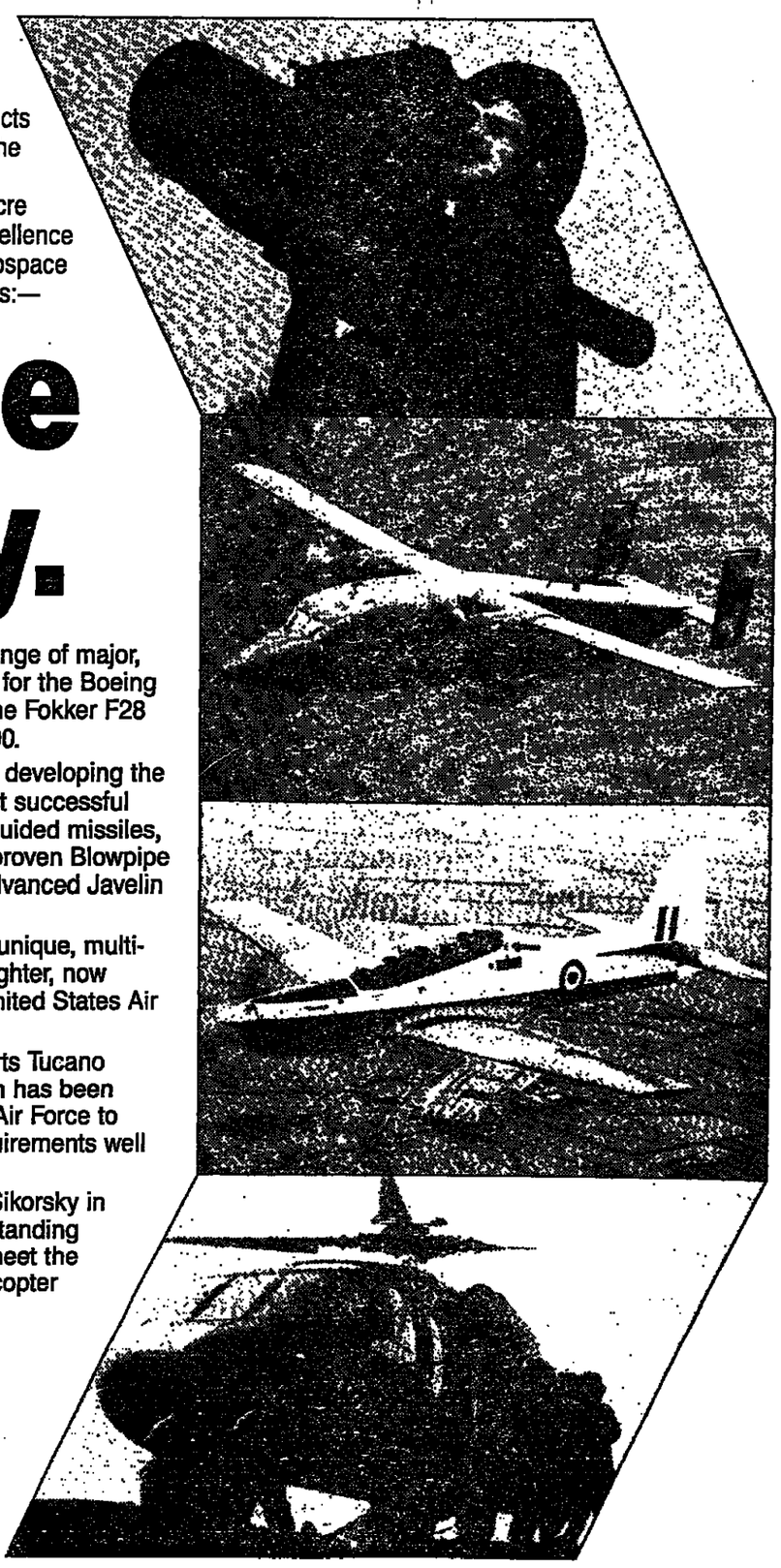
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Looking back nearly 60 years when the Wrights' biplane held pride of place



The pioneers of modern flight, Wilbur and Orville Wright (left) first flew in 1903; Alcock and Brown were the first to beat the Atlantic in their Vickers Vimy bomber in 1919 (centre); the beautiful lines of the Spitfire prototype heralded a new age of performance machines in 1936

The first string and wire show

The Le Bourget *salon* is almost as old as manned and powered aviation itself for it was in 1908, only five years after the Wright brothers made their first flight, that the first forerunner of today's show was held. The venue on that occasion was an exhibition hall in the centre of Paris, and a Wright biplane was among the small collection of rudimentary machines on display.

This first *salon* was, in fact, a small corner of the Paris motor show, but the next year what was called an air locomotion show took place, at which balloons vied for attention with fixed-wing biplanes and monoplanes. Engines specially designed for aircraft, rather than the motorcycle engines that had sufficed in the very early days, were also on view.

Further *salons* followed up to the year of the outbreak of the First World War, during which the pace of aviation progress accelerated wildly. By the time the armistice was signed, the string-and-wire contraptions of 1914 had been developed into fighters and bombers made at least partly of metal, with high performance and long range.

Military aviation languished in the 1920s, and it was not until the middle 1930s that the next major technical jump, the powerful monoplane fighter, appeared under the impetus of the approaching war. Meanwhile, a young Royal Air Force officer, Frank Whittle, had been quietly working away at an invention which was to revolutionize aviation, both military and civil, to an extent that none of those early pioneers assembled in Paris could have even dreamed.

The first British-made jet engine powered the Gloster E28/39 off the ground in May, 1941, and its secrets were then freely passed across the Atlantic to the US, where General Electric made a version which ran for the first time in April, 1942. The first British jet-powered fighter, the Gloster Meteor, saw action shortly before the end of the war, and since then, Sir Frank's invention has just kept on growing in size, has changed the course of warfare and has opened the world to around 700 million passengers each year.

The thrust of that first engine was around 1,000 lb. Today, the latest jumbo jets are powered by four engines, each producing almost 60,000 lb.

Like military aviation, civil made little real progress during the 1920s. The first airlines came into being in 1919, using converted bombers, and it remained the lot of most of the passengers during the decade that followed to travel either in the open, or cooped up in tiny cupboards of cabins.

There were, of course, the trailblazers, Alcock and Brown across the Atlantic, Lindbergh solo across the same ocean, Cobham with in-flight refuelling. Routes were laboriously picked out down through Africa, across the Middle East to India and eventually all the way to Australia.

Once again, it required the impetus of a world war to bring real aviation advances. The technology that had been poured into the long-range bomber during the war was quickly converted for airliners at the end, the mysteries of the sound barrier were soon solved and supersonic military – and civil – aviation became an everyday affair.

The story of how Britain became the first country to put Whittle's invention into an airliner, how the Comets crashed, and how the Americans took a lead in civil aviation, which they have never lost while the British worked out what had gone wrong, is well known. There were other, more successful, British firsts, however, notably the invention of vertical take-off and landing, seen today in the Harrier fighter which played such a vital role in the Falklands campaign of the summer of 1982.

Over the years, the Le Bourget *salon* has been a catalogue of this progress, as aerospace manufacturers from all over the world have gone there to demonstrate their latest wares. In the late 1930s, for instance, the British and German fighter aircraft which, only months later, would be pitted against each other in the skies over France and England, could be viewed standing side by side at the Paris show.

The French Mysteres break the barrier

In 1946, the first French jet-propelled aircraft, the SO 6000 Triton, made its appearance. By 1951, the *salon* had outgrown the Grand Palais in the centre of Paris, and had been moved to Orly so that it could feature flying displays. It was in that year that French Mystere fighters first broke what was then considered to be a significant barrier – 1,000 km an hour.

The design for the present show ground at Le Bourget, with its purpose-built exhibition halls, appeared two years later.

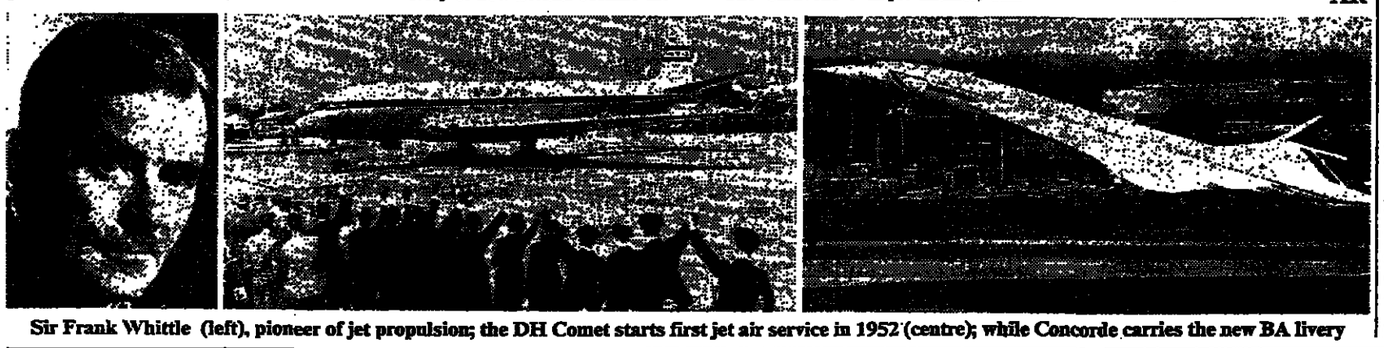
The Caravelle twin-jet airliner, still in service with a few airlines today, first appeared at the *salon* in 1955, the Anglo-French Concorde supersonic airliner, and the swing-wing Mirage G fighter in 1969. The Airbus A300, symbol of Europe's burgeoning aerospace industry and multi-national collaboration, signalled the end of US dominance of world civil markets with its appearance in 1973. That same year, the Soviet Tupolev Tu-144 supersonic airliner crashed during the flying display on the final Sunday, so dashing aspirations in the direction of civil faster-than-sound flight.

Europe's serious entry into the space race was marked at the 1979 *salon* with the showing there of the Ariane rocket. Two years ago, the Americans reminded the world what they were doing in this sector by bringing their Shuttle vehicle mounted on its Boeing 747 carrier aircraft.

What will be the stars of future Paris *salons*? First term there will be more commuter aircraft types, airliners and military machines with increasingly sophisticated computers and electronics, a wider range of microlights and home-builds to satisfy the expanding weekend leisure market.

Eventually there will be perhaps a second-generation supersonic airliner by the year 2000 – and research into a 300-seater has recently been revived in the US – subsonic airliners powered by prop-jets, a supersonic vertical take-off and landing fighter. Looking ahead further, it would be a brave person to forecast that a sub-orbital spacecraft, able to deliver passengers to Australia from Britain in a fraction of today's time, will not feature at Paris early in the next century.

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Sir Frank Whittle (left), pioneer of jet propulsion; the DH Comet starts first jet air service in 1952 (centre); while Concorde carries the new BA livery

Watch the giants battle it out for the biggest prizes

The world's major aero-engine makers in recent years have restructured and refined their operations to do battle with each other over a civil and military market that could be worth over £200 billion in the next 15 years.

Huge costs are involved in developing new engines and enhancing old ones (Britain's state-owned Rolls-Royce spends about £250m a year on research and development) and not surprisingly there have been numerous collaboration deals. "It is sometimes a bit difficult to remember who is in bed with whom," says Richard Turner, marketing director for the Rolls-Royce civil engine business.

The industry is led by the big three – General Electric and Pratt and Whitney of the United States and, some distance behind, Rolls-Royce. They have all arranged co-operation deals with each other or with smaller engine makers, but the collaboration is on a model-by-model basis and the result is a bizarre and bewildering set of trans-industry tie-ups.

Rolls, for example, has a deal with GE in the production of big, high-thrust engines in competition with Pratt and Witney. It also is part of the five-nation International Aero Engines (IAE) consortium, which is building smaller engines for the coming generation of 150-seat aircraft in competition with GE.

Costs and prices must be cut to the bone

While orders for engines are once again improving, the competition is no less intense, and collaboration has helped to forestall the understandable practice of the planemakers of playing off one engine builder against another. Costs and prices must be pared to the bone, and attractive financing packages put together, but not to the detriment of quality, reliability and delivery.

In the UK, Rolls-Royce has been transformed in the last two years from a millstone around the neck of the state to a dynamic and profitable operation. In 1984 it returned a post-tax profit of £21m compared with a loss in 1983 of £118m on a turnover that in real terms was unchanged.

Productivity has been improved significantly since the 1970s to match that of GE and Pratt and there has been considerable investment in robotics and in flexible manufacturing systems.

The competition, too, is investing in new techniques, new materials, new designs, to squeeze the best possible performance out of every drop of valuable aviation fuel. While the world oil price has stabilized and the attraction of the new and expensive but less thirsty aircraft has diminished, there is still demand for more fuel-efficient and quieter jets.

Rolls-Royce forecasts that the world market for commercial jet engines up to 1999 will be worth $57 billion (at 1984 prices). This follows a predicted market to the end of the century for about 5,000 aircraft, of which about one-fifth have been ordered to date.

Pratt's estimate for commercial turbine engine sales in the 10 years up to 1994 is $71 billion, most in the early 1990s. It reckons that by then annual aircraft and engine sales could be worth $20 billion.

On the collaboration front, one of the most significant developments has been IAE in which Rolls-Royce, Pratt and Whitney, West Germany's Motoren und Turbinen Union, Italy's Fiat Aviazione and the Japanese Aero-Engines Corporation are developing the V2500 engine, with a thrust of 23,000-25,000lb.

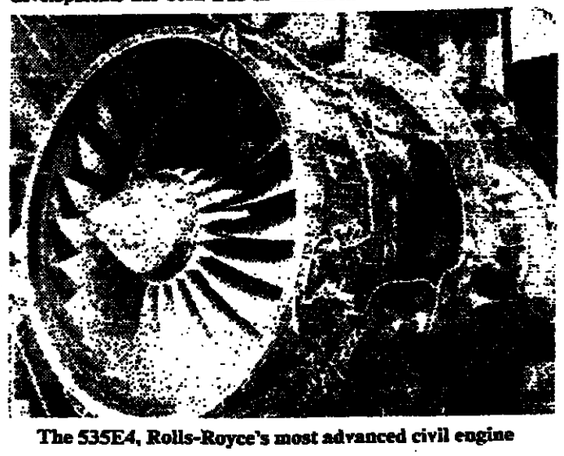
The engine development, into which the British Government poured £60m of launch aid for Rolls-Royce, is designed to power the new generation of 150-seat aircraft and has been chosen by the European Airbus Industrie consortium for the A320 Airbus alongside the CFM-56, an engine developed by GE in collaboration with Snecma of France.

The V2500 has been ordered by Pan American, Inex Adris Airways of Yugoslavia and Cyprus Airways to power their A320s. Engines on order number 62 and there are options on 92, worth $600m. The V2500 will, it is claimed, improve fuel burn by 50 per cent over short-range aircraft now in service.

The market for 120-180-seat aircraft is projected at 3,000 between 1988 and 2004, involving more than 7,000 engines. Two-thirds of the market, says IAE, will come from the retirement of first-generation DC-9s, Boeing 727s and 737s and other older aircraft.

Another significant development has been the refinement of the Rolls RB-211 power plants installed on Boeing 747 Jumbo jets. The most powerful of the range, the 524D4, has been further improved to give a 2.6 per cent better fuel burn which, says Rolls, saves over £300,000 per aircraft a year.

Rolls is also working hard on its new Tay 13,500lb-thrust turbofan, which has been chosen for the US Gulfstream IV and the Dutch Fokker F-100, the small airliners that, according to Rolls, are going to be much in demand in the future.



The 535E4, Rolls-Royce's most advanced civil engine

In the longer term, all the main engine makers are looking at the possibilities offered by propfan technology, but a widespread return to propellers seems unlikely, if only because of the noise problem.

On the military field, particularly in Europe, much attention is being focussed on engines for the next generation of fighters. The European Fighter Aircraft (EFA) project is still the subject of much argument, but Rolls is certain that collaboration to produce a new engine for the aircraft would at last produce a unit capable of competing with the American giants.

A new engine is mandatory for the EFA but Rolls says that even if the project fails, a new engine would be needed for a new UK fighter and for a mid-life update of the Tornado.

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Airbus Industrie A320 programme, in which BAe is a 26 per cent partner, producing the wings, while a number of smaller British companies are making equipment. The Government provided BAe with launch aid for this project as a repayable loan but this amounted to less than 40 per cent of the company's share in the total project launch costs. The French government provided 95 per cent of Aérospatiale's share and the West German government 90 per cent of MBB's share.

BAe had to raise a considerable proportion of its share from within its own resources and as loans from the commercial banks at high interest rates. The company contends that these extra costs erode its competitiveness and reduce the capital available for investment in future programmes.

British companies find that they are not always competing on equal terms with their foreign counterparts when trying to sell defence equipment abroad, especially to countries in the Third World. The US favours many such countries with its military assistance programmes, which makes it possible for its aerospace companies to sell their aircraft at prices significantly less than would be possible in the normal commercial marketplace.

And when selling to such countries, US companies are not required to include any research and development levy in the price, so giving them a double advantage which, the British companies claim, makes it virtually impossible for them to compete.

The SBAC complained in its evidence to the Select Committee that foreign government-backed agencies, established to finance exports and to provide insurance cover – Export/Import Bank in the US, COFACE in France, HERMES in West Germany – all gave their industries better service than ECGD gives in Britain.

"ECGD appears unable to respond quickly, nor does it provide our companies with financing and insurance packages of like magnitude. It is required to operate at no net loss to public funds. However, the national interest will often be best served by taking the strategic, long-term view and will sometimes entail accepting not only risk but even considerable financial loss over the short term. ECGD's inability to back our companies against the competition is costing this country a great deal in lost exports", SBAC said.



Under construction: The B146 at British Aerospace in Hatfield, Hertfordshire

Aerospace industry leaders in Britain are also increasingly concerned at the manner in which offset arrangements are impinging upon deals which their salesmen attempt to make abroad. Offset includes co-production, licensed production, sub-contractor production, overseas investment, technology transfer and countertrade. Not only Third World countries but others such as Australia and Canada now demand, as a condition of purchase, high levels of offset – sometimes exceeding the value of the selling price.

A further serious worry for the industry is the shortage of skills in aircraft factories.

The director of the SBAC, Sir John Curtiss, told the Lords that the industry was between 1,000 and 1,500 people short in mechanical, electrical and non-technological skills. Ferranti alone was 167 electrical or electronic engineers short and having spent £120,000 on advertising, recruited only 48. There was a 30 per cent movement of software experts out of the industry to software houses which paid much higher wages.

Sir Austin Pearce, chairman of BAe, told the Select Committee that BAe did not attract the best people because the merchant banks paid starting salaries £1,500 higher. The manufacturing industries were manpower intensive. In Esso there was a turnover of £3.5 billion and 8,000 people and he, as chairman, was known to most of them. BAe had a turnover of £1.6 billion and 81,000, "and the ability for me to get to know them is very limited."

Britain's aerospace industry would also like to see the peaks and troughs which affect its production smoothed out. SBAC has made the point that the industry's major customer is the Ministry of Defence and that its importance to the industry in stimulating research and development, and in providing a large proportion of the work in progress, could not be over-emphasised. MoD contracts were essential in sustaining the aerospace sector of Britain's industrial base.

"However", SBAC said, "the industry requires a fairly even workload. If through lack of orders, even for a relatively short period, it became necessary to run down its skilled manpower, such people would be difficult to replace. It is particularly important that we keep the vital design teams in being. The Tornado programme has been of crucial importance in sustaining all three sectors of aerospace; airframes, aero-engines, and equipment. With Tornado production in its final phases, it is imperative that follow-on work of like magnitude is acquired in the very near future.



Nose cone of the BA146 at Hatfield

Future activity in the industry is based on a wide range of programmes, both independently and in partnership with countries ranging from Brazil to Sweden, from Europe to the US.

In the civil sector, projects include the Edgley Optica light observation aircraft, the Short Brothers Skyvan, 330 and 360 family of small airliners, the Airship Industries' Skyships, the Westland 30 helicopter, and the BAe 125 executive jet, the Jetstream 31 commuter airliner, the 748 turbo-prop airliner and its successor, the advanced turbo-prop (ATP), the 146 four-jet airliner in four different versions and the European Airbus family of airliners.

BAe now has 10 of its factories involved on Airbus work and has moved its management centre to its factory at Filton, Bristol, where the wing of the A320 is to be assembled, complete with equipment manufactured by foreign companies before being shipped to the final-assembly line at Toulouse, south-west France. The first set of Airbus wings is to be delivered in May, 1986, for a first flight in February, 1987 and deliveries to the airlines beginning in spring, 1988.

On the military side, the most important future project will be a fighter for the RAF and possibly also for the European air forces if agreement can be reached on shape and size, funding and manufacture with potential partners in France, West Germany, Italy and Spain. In the meantime, BAe is pressing ahead with its own fighter prototype, due to fly in May next year.

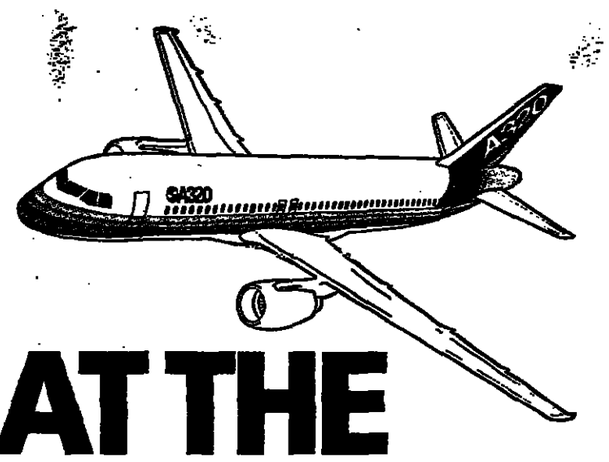
More than 400 Tornados out of 800 plus on order have been delivered to the air forces in Britain, West Germany and Italy, and the first air-defence versions have gone to the RAF.

The industry is also well placed in the space and communications business and BAe is the prime contractor for the Giotto scientific spacecraft which, after being launched in July this year, will pass within 500km of Halley's Comet when it comes near the earth during 1986. BAe is also planning to lead a team of European companies on a 10-year project to develop an unmanned space platform and is studying, in conjunction with Rolls-Royce, the HOTOL (horizontal take-off and land) satellite launcher, a new concept for the launching, of payloads of up to seven tons into low-earth orbit.

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Soaring price of planes worries buyers

Civil aircraft manufacturers will be assembling at Le Bourget in a mood of increasing optimism. The five big makers of airliners in the western world, Boeing, McDonnell Douglas, British Aerospace, Airbus Industrie and Fokker, expect to sell between them more than 400 aircraft this year, compared with 334 in 1984, and the director-general of the International Air Transport Association, Mr Gunter Eser, recently forecast a 1985 profit for the airlines of $500 million.

Most of the anticipated sales will be for updated versions of airliners which have been on the civil aviation scene for some time, in one or two cases for 20 years or more. With the immense contemporary cost of developing new projects, only Airbus is embarked on a new project – the 150-seater A320, due to enter service in 1987.

Boeing continues to modernize its existing family of aircraft, including the development of a more powerful 747 jumbo; Douglas is having extraordinary sales success with the MD-80 airliner based on its original DC-9 design; BAe is "stretching" its four-jet 146 to accommodate 130 passengers and Fokker is reviving two long-serving types, the F-27 and F-28, and designating them the Fokker 50 and 100.

Only in the commuter sector, where aircraft carry fewer than 100 passengers on short hops between towns and cities, is there great activity on new ventures. These include the BAe turbo-prop ATP and various aircraft being produced as a result of collaboration between countries - Spain and Indonesia, France and Italy, Sweden and the United States. So many new-generation commuters are coming on to the market, in fact, that aerospace industry leaders are worried that not all of the manufacturers will be able to survive.

There is a growing market for such aircraft, however, as deregulation (under which any airline can fly where it likes, at whatever fares it wants to promote) flourishes in the United States and begins to have an impact in Britain and Europe. Major airlines are finding that to compete with newly-formed, non-unionised airlines they have to buy, or take a share in, commuter aircraft like the BAe Jetstream 31 to feed passengers into their main-line services.

The days from shortly after the Second World War, when airlines were looked upon as an instrument of State and were accordingly overmanned, subsided, and generally feather-bedded, are now ending as the "children of deregulation" erode their traditional markets. Productivity leading to privatization is now the theme and British Airways has slimmed its labour force over the past five years from 58,000 to 37,500.

As airliners have become increasingly reliable, cockpit crews have been cut from the five which most airliners carried immediately post-war, to three and now to two. Engine manufacturers have produced jets reliable and fuel-efficient enough to power 250-seat airliners across oceans - and have produced a great safety debate in doing so.



Wings to the future: The 150-seater A320 due to enter service in 1987

Short-term leases are now common

At the same time, they have quietened those same powerplants in response to a public which, 20 years ago, before the environmental movement was born, used to revel in loud aircraft noises emanating from the Farnborough and Paris shows. Tough anti-noise regulations which came into force in the United States from January this year and are to be followed in Britain and Europe from January, 1986, have sent the airlines running to the manufacturers for quiet airliners, or for modifications to "hush" their existing fleets. The British Airways fleet of Trident 3 airliners, outlawed by the approaching regulations, are being sold to China.

But while the airlines are in a bullish buying mood, due to the new rules and to unusually-large increases in both passenger and cargo traffic as the world moves out of business recession, there is still a great doubt as to whether the industry can really afford the aircraft it wants. The $500 million profit forecast by the director-general of International Air Transport Association for this year will go nowhere towards the total cost of investment, with a new 747 now costing $100 million.

Whereas in the past airlines used to own their fleets and reckoned to keep them for 15 years, short-term leases are now common, with escape clauses enabling aircraft to be handed back if business slumps. There is also a very lively business in second-hand airliners. Selling new craft to the established airlines of the West is becoming harder every month and it is no surprise that the aerospace industry has turned to the Republic of China as its most-promising future market.

China has said she wishes to modernise her old-fashioned airline and recently embarked on a buying spree, signing for various types from Airbus, BAe, Short Brothers and McDonnell Douglas.

But for most of these manufacturers there is an offset penalty to pay. McDonnell Douglas, for instance, will finish only the first of 26 MD-80s it has signed to China, delivering the remaining 25 to Shanghai for completion there in China's own factories. China plainly wishes to cut her own aerospace teeth with the help of the West.

The key to future airliner buying patterns is the price of fuel. This is static at present and has even gone down over the past two years. While it remains relatively cheap, the airlines will continue to rely on older types, and eschew frugal newcomers such as the Boeing 757 and 767. Research into replacement fuels for kerosene, such as hydrogen and synthetics produced from coal, which received a fillip during the two fuel crises of the 1970s, will continue at a low ebb.

The hope among the airlines is that fuel will remain at a reasonable price until the early 1990s, by which time engine manufacturers promise a new generation of propeller-jets with fuel savings of anything up to 30 per cent over today. But although each of the three main Western-world engine manufacturers, Rolls-Royce, General Electric and Pratt and Whitney, are embarking on prop-fan experiments, it is by no means certain at this stage that these engines will provide the airlines with the panacea they seek.

As the world aerospace industry arrives at Le Bourget, the initial word from the engine companies is that there are still numerous technological problems including noise and vibration in the aircraft and noise heard on the ground, and psychological barriers (will the travelling public really want to go back to propellers?) to overcome.

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Will 'star wars' hit basic weapons?



Grumman X-29 could lead to the next generation

The great debate behind the scenes at Le Bourget among the suppliers of military equipment will be whether purchases of conventional arms, from trainer to front-line aircraft, from anti-aircraft guns to missiles, will suffer as a result of the concentration by the super-powers of spending on strategic systems such as "star wars", MX, and Trident.

Such systems are costed in multi-billions of dollars, and must have an impact on the scale of acquistion of tactical weaponry, particularly when defence spending as a whole is under increasing pressure from those who want more money to be devoted to solving unemployment, the social services, health, and education.

It is difficult to scale down the size of the Trident programme, which is to equip the Royal Navy's nuclear submarines with a new generation of long-range ballistic missiles.

Large-scale conventional programmes do continue to move, at present, however, the classic among them being that developing the B1-B strategic bomber in the US.

A hundred of these powerful swing-wing aircraft are on order. The first production models are due this year, the first squadrons will be on alert with them by the autumn of 1986. Rockwell is the main manufacturer, but the programme runs like a thread right through the US aerospace industry, producing work for hundreds of companies and thousands of people.

In Europe, the largest-scale military aerospace project ever, that which produced the Tornado swing-wing bomber, is entering its final phase, and the British, West German, and Italian companies – again there are many hundreds of them – are worried about what work will follow into their factories.

The obvious solution is the proposed European fighter plane, needed to replace the ageing Phantoms and Jaguars in European air forces, but agreement on its shape, weight, and performance is hard to attain among the five potential partner-nations, and on adjoining stand at Le Bourget, British Aerospace and France's Dassault will again be promoting their own ideas.

An option that nobody in Europe will discuss at present is an "off-the-shelf" purchase of a fighter aircraft type from the US (as has happened before, with the Phantom and the F-104). US manufacturers have the potent F-16 and F-18 on offer, and Grumman is now flying its X-29 experimental aircraft which could lead to the next generation, but leaders of European aerospace remain adamant that buying these would weaken their industry at a moment when, on the civil side at least, it is beginning to become a true competitor with aerospace in the US.

These aerospace leaders do not see production under liceace of US aircraft in Europe as even a partial answer to the dilemma.

In the sector that includes smaller aircraft, where less money, and perhaps less national prestige lies at stake, there continues to be a far higher level of agreement on joint projects. The European nations are proceeding fairly smoothly down the road towards a joint anti-tank helicopter, while the British company Westland, and the Italian company Agusta have begun to cut metal on their 50-50 partnership EH.101, due to go into service by the end of the decade.

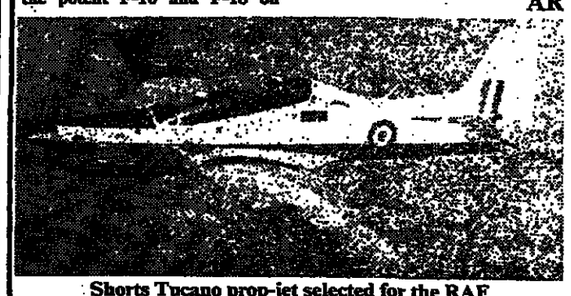
New versions of Harrier and Hawk

Westland, however, has a gap in production before it gears up for large-scale 101 production, and the short-term future of the company remains in doubt at the time of writing.

British Aerospace and McDonnell Douglas are collaborating successfully on the development and production of new versions of both the Harrier vertical take-off fighter, and the Hawk jet trainer, while Short Brothers recently won a close-fought contest with three other manufacturers for the right to make the Royal Air Force's next prop-jet trainer. This will be based on the design of the Brazilian Embraer Tucano, which Shorts will produce at its factories in Belfast.

As in the civil sector, the increasing cost of new defence equipment is leading to more modernisation of existing aircraft at points in their lives where, in earlier and less-expensive times, they would have been scrapped in favour of new. Thus there will be a lot of concentration at Le Bourget upon the displays of companies offering what are known as "mid-life updates" for military aircraft, using the latest missiles and missile-guidance systems, radars, aviation electronics, and electronic counter-measures designed to confuse enemy defences.

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Shorts Tucano prop-jet selected for the RAF

Safer and cheaper with a new computer 'heart'

One of the major marketing battles behind the scenes at the Le Bourget show will be that between companies in Britain, the rest of Europe and the United States to sell their aviation electronics (avionics) products to the airlines and the operators of military aircraft.

New "hearts" – on-board computers and their associated systems – are making such machines both safer and cheaper to operate and maintain. There is also a growing trend towards replacing electro-mechanical systems in old airframes with modern avionics, so postponing the day when large capital sums have to be spent on aircraft straight from the factory.

Avionics have now become so advanced that they can fly an airliner from take-off to touch-down, navigating it accurately along the way, and can show pilots, who are rapidly becoming systems managers, what the aircraft is doing at any particular moment through information displayed on full-colour television screens.

In a military aircraft, avionics will take it unerringly to the target or interception point while displaying essential information on the windscreen, so allowing the pilot to look out, and know what his machine is doing simultaneously. In both the civil and military sectors, the avionics can manage the fuel flow so as little as possible is burned, and at the end of a flight will report through built-in test equipment any systems that might have gone wrong.

Even though these advances are breathtaking, there are many more to come, and the clues to these will be seen on the exhibition stands at the salon.

Fly-by-wire – where the traditional wires, rods and pulleys connecting the control column with the moving surfaces of wings and tail, are replaced by electronic commands – is already routine in some fighter aircraft (and partly in Concorde) and will soon be superseded by fly-by-light, or laser.

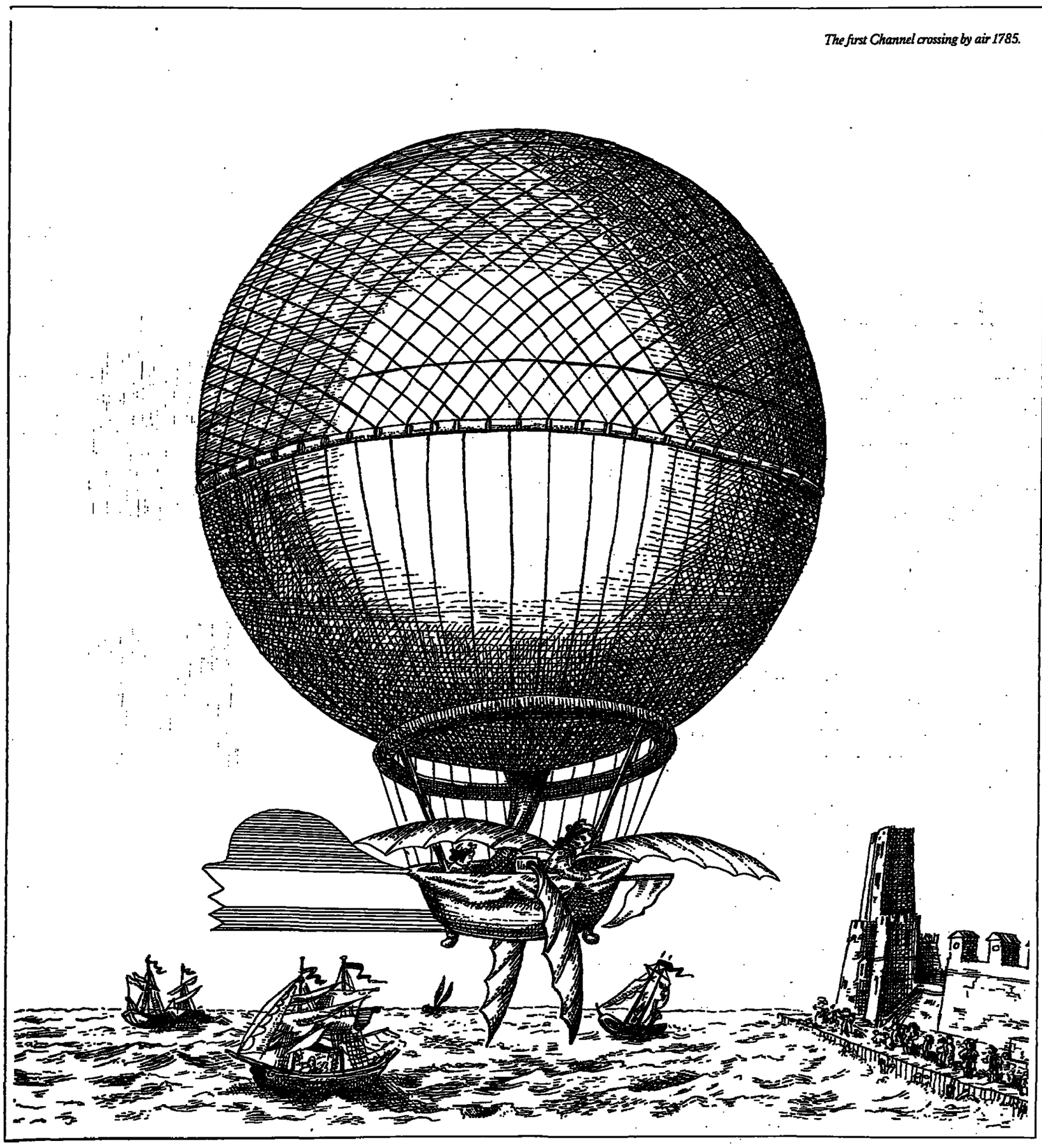
Pilots flying the Airbus Industrie A320 150-seater airliner when it enters service in two years' time will not even have control columns, but will steer the aircraft with side-sticks no bigger than a car gear lever, sending messages to the ailerons and rudder via a computer.

Miniaturization of the microchip is the key to the future of avionics. Automatic landing equipment which 15 year ago filled several trunk-size boxes in an airliner, will today go into two attache cases, and tomorrow may fit in a large matchbox. Visitors to avionics stands will see that the cathode-ray tube technology, with instrumentation displayed on glass screens, that was such an advance on flight decks five years ago, is already producing displays on thin, flat panels, while the equipment that drives it has shrunk in size by at least half.

This latest equipment weighs 70 per cent less than its predecessor, costs 50 per cent less to buy, uses 80 per cent less power, and lasts 10 times as long before it needs servicing. With such rapid progress, the pilotless airliner may be technically feasible well before the end of this century, but public reaction against such a concept will plainly take a lot longer than that to overcome.

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Full speed ahead into space

The European space industry entered 1985 after its most successful year of operating satellites and launch vehicles based on the French Ariane vehicle. More than 30 satellites have now been put into orbit on the three versions of Ariane and another extended version of the rocket for even greater payload capacity is well in hand.

Order books are full over the medium term for the launch of satellites for communications and broadcasting, weather forecasting, land survey and remote sensing astronomy and scientific research. Furthermore, the Spacelab system, built mainly in West Germany, was carried above the earth in the American shuttle on is first test and other flights are planned.

All this progress provided a new-found confidence for a meeting of ministers of the 13 members countries of the European Space Agency when they gathered in Rome to review long-term proposal.

The ministers agreed to the most ambitious series of projects that European countries have felt confident enough to tackle so far.

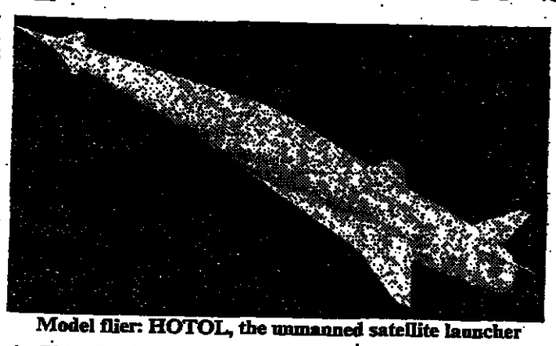
The future to which they gave endorsement included a number of enterprises that could turn out to be major ventures. They agreed:

- to accept an offer of co-operation in the US space station project, subject to a satisfactory agreement:
- to continue support for the European Space Agency's activities in the field of earth observations, space communications, experiments in the effect of micro-gravity on biological and inanimate materials and on the wide range of technology associated with the development, launching and operation of spacecraft:
- to proceed with the Columbus programme, which is a proposed manned space vehicle that could be the basis for building a space station or as a module to link into the American space station:
- to undertake development of a new generation of launchers (Ariane 5) with a new large cryogenic engine, HM 60.

Without offering to take either of two other particular projects under the support of the European Space Agency as yet, the meeting offered encouraging interest in the Hermes and Hotol schemes.

Hermes is a French design for a manned winged space vehicle; Hotol (horizontal take-off and landing project) is a UK idea for a reusable space ship.

The French contributors to the ESA effort have good cause to be more than satisfied with the progress of Ariane. The success of that vehicle has placed the European industry as a competitive alternative to the US for the launch of commercial satellites.



Model flier: HOTOL, the unmanned satellite launcher

When the launch of the first reusable shuttle approached, the future of European vehicles looked uncertain. European rocket technology was based on a still-developing system of expendable motors. With the advent of the shuttle that technology looks as if it was rapidly going out of date. If the highest hopes of the designers and engineers at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration had been realized, the shuttle would have made satellite launching such a cheap and easy operation that no other technology would have got a look in.

In practice the US Department of Defence has reinstated an expendable rocket launch project to run in parallel with the shuttle, because of some shortcomings in the latter's performance.

Nothing can detract from the fantastic technological achievement of the shuttle. As little as 10 years ago, when astronauts splashed down in the sea after the historic link-up in space of the Apollo-Soyuz craft of the US and Russia, not many people would have credited the idea that American astronauts would soon be shuttling back and forth in the same vehicle between earth and space.

The development of the shuttle has special significance among the pioneering milestones in space exploration. It was the advance which lifted space travel out of the preserve of the exclusive club of expert military pilots-turned-astronauts.

It is physically possible for the ordinary man in the street to fly on a shuttle. In terms of technical achievement, the shuttle's reputation is safe.

Nevertheless, the reality has fallen a long way short of the grand optimism of the scientists, engineers and their political paymasters five years ago. At the beginning of this month Challenger returned from the 17th mission of the shuttle. If the high hopes of five years ago had been realized it would have been the completion of the 37th mission.

Moreover, it would have been a flight of one of a fleet of four shuttles providing a revolutionary but dependable, frequent and economic access to space. Each vehicle would be overhauled and turned round for another flight in just over three weeks.

Ironing out problems as the shuttle went from test flights to proving missions in the hostile conditions of space and re-entry threw an ambitious timetable out of line. When the first test flight was made four years ago Nasa was boldly forecasting 500 shuttle flights by the end of the decade. Reality has fallen a long way short.

Last year only five of a scheduled 10 journeys were conducted, and this year Nasa will be hard pressed to make 10 out of a planned 12. And it will be well into next year before a fleet of four vehicles is in operation.

The shuttle programme has ost $25 billion since 1972. The economics of shuttle operations turns on the ability to make regular trips, at least one every two weeks. One of the most damaging setbacks have not been to do with the orbiter vehicle but with the reluctance of communications satellites released from the spaceship to manouevre themselves into their planned high orbits.

Confidence was eroded further on April 19 when Discovery suffered brake and tyre blowout problems when landing on the new concrete runway at the Kennedy Space Centre at Cape Canaveral, Florida. Hence, Nasa has reverted to its original hard-packed sand site at Edwards Air Force base, California.

But in retrieving the errant satellites and returning them to ground for attention, Nasa has demonstrated the incredible progress in space work by astronants which has been opened by the shuttle. Nevertheless, the slippages which have plagued the timetable have meant that five new customers for satellite launchers have in the past year switched to the Ariane.

Pearce Wright
Science Editor



Europe's Ariane booster

Vital, aggressive, profitable

That's the aviation industry for the future, says Sir **Raymond Lygo**, president, Society of British Aerospace Companies

The British aerospace industry represents what is probably the last total area of design, test and manufacture left in the country capable of producing, nationally and indigeniously, a full range of civil and military aircraft and aero-engines, a complete range of guided missiles for all three services, plus a comprehensive and complete range of electronics and avionics and space equipment. In addition the prospect of being able to develop a re-usable satellite launcher in the shape of the Horizontal Take-Off and Landing Vehicle (HOTOL) may make much of present large space rocket technology obsolescent. There are only three other countries with such a complete capability – the United States the Soviet Union and France.

It is a vital and dynamic industry. It has demonstrated this by surviving the enormous changes of political direction imposed on it during the last 40 years by successive governments, and remaining profitable throughout. It has emerged leaner, more aggressive and more viable than at any point and time in its history.

Last year its exports amounted to £3.5 billion and this represents about 8 per cent of Britain's exports of manufactured goods. It employs about 250,000 people ranging from basic production skills to the highest technology in the country.

In recognition of the importance of international collaboration in achieving large orders, it has entered into more collaborative arrangements the world over than any other national aerospace industry.

The importance of the home base as the launch pad for new products remains unchanged but the declining ability of the UK alone to sustain this has meant that in certain areas collaboration in design and launch has been an important feature of continuing survival – for example Airbus Industries, the helicopter arrangements with Italy, the guided weapons arrangements with West Germany and France, involvement in the European Space Agency and collaboration on aero-engines.

There will be new problems to overcome if we are to continue to prosper. One of the strategic objectives of many developing Third World countries is to create a national aerospace capability.

Indeed, it is perhaps in the best interest of British industry to enter into long-term collaborative arrangements with Third World countries, so that we may at least have some share of the markets that might derive from them.

This means giving away technology. But technology advances rapidly in the aerospace business and one can afford to be reasonably generous at any particular time. It is on our ability to be innovative that we must depend for our continuing success and it is our total capability that will continue to give us an edge.

Once the British aerospace industry has been completely privatized, the difference in approach to support, which is already to be seen from the French, German and Italian Governments towards their industries, will make us the odd one out in Europe.

This is because we shall have to be driven by considerations of profit and loss on a short-term basis, which may well preclude our participation in long-range projects or indeed collaborative projects with foreign supported industries.

The key to success is the arrangement of long-term finance which must match that available to our competitors or we shall be forced to drop out of the race.

Despite current views to the contrary, the profit rates and profitability now facing the defence industries are below the average for industry as a whole, forcing them to depend more heavily on overseas contracts for their profit growth.

The difficulties here lie in the explanations – I have already given in achieving market penetration.

Aerospace is one of the great demonstrators of the "multiplier effect", that is to say, of the benefits which flow from winning a large contract over the many years that the effects of that contract are felt.

A much quoted example is the multiplier effect of the original Lightning contract in Saudi Arabia, which has generated cash business for UK industry, 20 times over the above the amount of the original contract, lasting more than 20 years. In other words the benefits that flow from one contract are enormous.

Nevertheless, it is difficult for private companies to take advantage of such a long-term investment without at least the benefit of export guarantee insurance in the first instance.

It is obvious that good credit arrangements can pay for themselves many times over during the life of the contract. Many of our competitor governments recognize this and export their unemployment to us!

If anyone has bothered to read this far, I believe that it is important to recap. The aerospace industry now represents intact the last great design, test and manufacturing industrial capability in the UK, one which is not dependent on the importation of anything except raw material.

Although in the forefront of technology it is still relatively labour-intensive. It is leaner and hungrier than it has ever been and I believe it has its feet more firmly on the ground than at any other time in its history.

Given an understanding of the true benefits that flow from exports both in human and material terms and of the great inspiration and visibility of its products can provide to the nation, coupled with an understanding that it can survive only by being permitted to be internationally competitive, then I believe we have an opportunity for growth that will carry the industry forward into the next century without fear or favour.

Getting lighter in the air

Aerospace technologists visiting the *salon* will be searching for clues as to which materials are likely to prove the most successful for the manufacture of future generations of military and civil aircraft.

Composites produced from carbon and similar fibres have been heavily promoted during the past few years as the material which would supersede the traditional aviation metals, such as aluminium and titanium, but aluminium manufacturers are now fighting back with stronger and lighter versions, and with new ways of forming them.

Conservative thinking in the world aerospace industry, the fact that the majority of highly-expensive factory machines are designed to handle metals, and a lack of deep experience of the load-bearing qualities of composites, are tending to keep the manufacturers in the aluminium camp for the foreseeable future.

Composites are generally said to be half the weight of the metal which they replace, but the search for lightness by the aerospace industry has slowed as the price of kerosene has gone down. Instead, the aircraft-makers are looking at the new aluminium-lithiums, and at processes such as superplastic forming and diffusion bonding in which the familiar metals may be "squeezed" into elongations of several hundred per cent without losing their innate strength.

This is not to say that composites are not finding many uses in the aerospace industry. Carbon fibres and similar materials are being employed for increasingly large parts of aircraft, both civil and military.

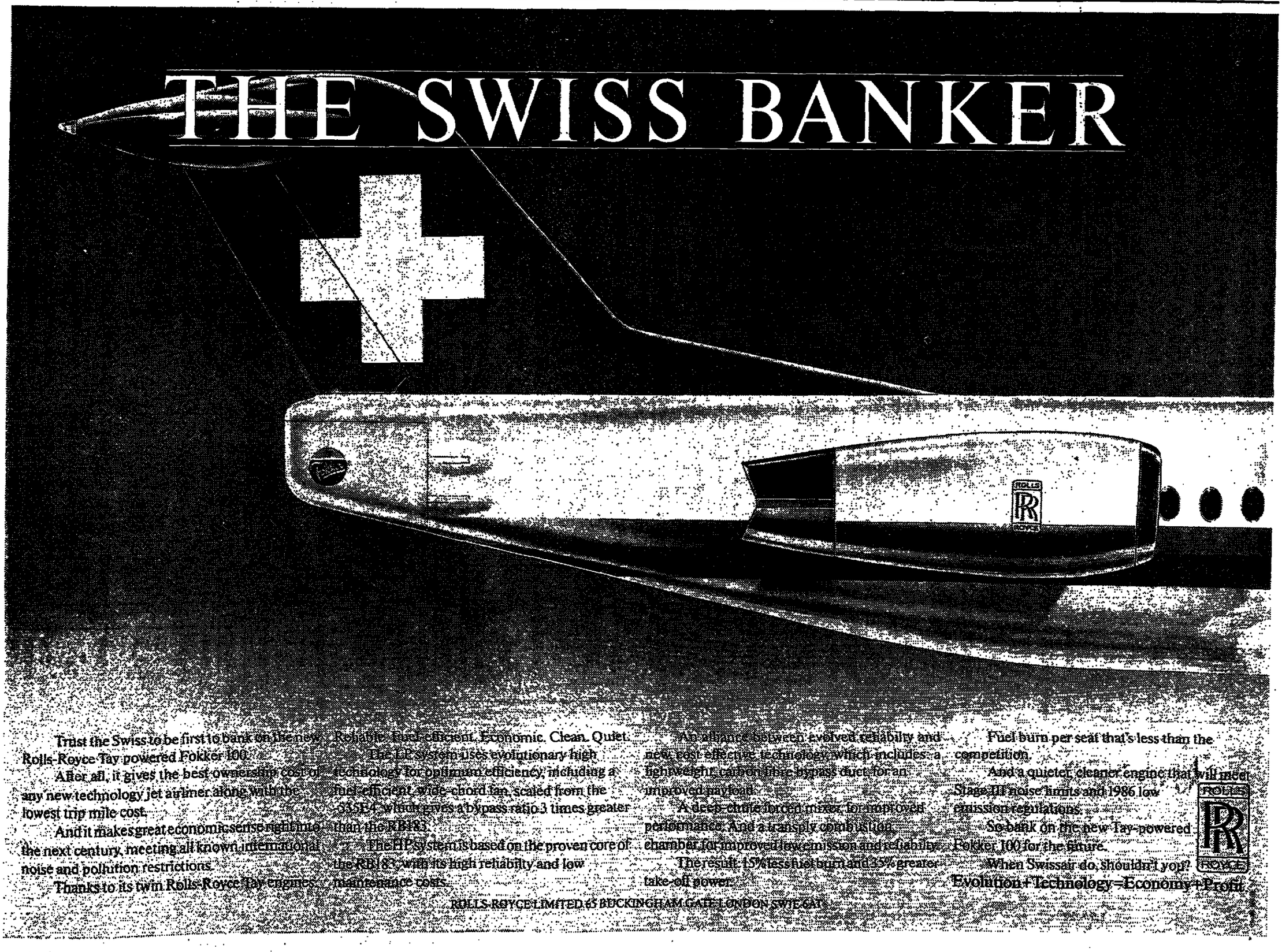
The wing of the American Grumman X-29A experimental fighter has upper and lower wing covers made of graphite-epoxy over a conventional structure in aluminium, giving an unusually thin profile, which greatly enhances aerodynamic performance. Composites are now commonly found in new aircraft in cabin floors, engine housings, flaps and undercarriage doors.

Composites have also been successfully employed for some years now in the complete manufacture of gliders and some propeller-powered machines up to the size of small executive aircraft. They are also likely to be used extensively in the new generation of "stealth" military aircraft-types which are being developed to fly undetected over enemy territory and which, therefore, have to be made of materials with a low reflective response to radar signals.

But the day which has been confidently predicted when the "all-black" airliner, a machine entirely made of carbon fibre and offering enormous weight savings, and therefore fuel savings, appears to be far away – if it ever arrives at all.

The new course which the areospace industry is embarked on is one which will result in the design and production of aircraft made of a combination of metal and composite parts, with the former supplying the main load-bearers, but with composites providing an increasing proportion of the remainder as the industry becomes more confident in how to handle them both in manufacture and repair.

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99¾	99¼	Exch	11¾ 1989	99¾		11.186 11.564
99¾	99¼	Treas	3¾ 1979-89	99¾		3.377 8.584
99¾	99¼	Exch	13¾ 1989	99¾		12.286 11.388
99¾	99¼	Exch	11¾ 1990	99¾		11.210 11.505
100¼	99¾	Treas	12¾ 1990	99¾		12.075 11.511

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

92¾	78¾	Treas	8¾ 1987-90	88¾		9.245	11.089
94¾	80¾	Treas C	10¾ 1990	94¾		10.858	11.514
99¾	83¾	Treas	11¾ 1991	99¾		11.874	11.583
83¾	69¾	Treas	8¾ 1987-91	83¾		8.957	9.762
99¾	84¾	Exch	11¾ 1991	99¾		11.863	11.563
95¾	79¾	Treas	10¾ 1992	95¾		10.845	11.456
99¾	84¾	Treas C	10¾ 1992	99¾		10.713	11.437
99¾	84¾	Exch	10¾ 1992	99¾		10.991	11.426
99¾	84¾	Exch	10¾ 1993	99¾		11.850	11.550
99¾	84¾	Treas	10¾ 1993	99¾		12.573	11.485
99¾	84¾	Treas	11¾ 1993	99¾		11.862	11.465
99¾	84¾	Treas	3¾ 1994	99¾		7.986	9.863
99¾	84¾	Treas	12¾ 1994	99¾		12.274	11.541
99¾	84¾	Treas	10¾ 1994	99¾		12.423	11.421
99¾	84¾	Exch	13¾ 1994	99¾		12.224	11.565
99¾	84¾	Exch	12¾ 1994	99¾		11.853	11.555
99¾	84¾	Treas	9¾ 1994	99¾		10.321	11.720
99¾	84¾	Treas	12¾ 1995	99¾		11.716	11.570
99¾	84¾	Conv	3¾ 1990-95	78¾		4.282	7.920
99¾	84¾	Exch	10¾ 1995	99¾		11.893	11.468
99¾	84¾	Exch	10¾ 1995	99¾		11.892	11.448
99¾	84¾	Treas	14¾ 1996	99¾		12.227	11.588
99¾	84¾	Treas	3¾ 1992-96	84¾		10.587	11.152
99¾	84¾	Treas	13¾ 1996	99¾		12.454	11.578
99¾	84¾	Exch	10¾ 1997	99¾		11.994	11.566
99¾	84¾	Treas	13¾ 1997	99¾		11.842	11.577
99¾	84¾	Exch	10¾ 1997	99¾		11.972	11.560
99¾	84¾	Exch	9¾ 1997	99¾		10.371	11.525
99¾	84¾	Exch	15¾ 1997	99¾		12.362	11.613
99¾	84¾	Exch	9¾ 1998	99¾		10.880	11.562
99¾	84¾	Exch 'A'	9¾ 1998	99¾		10.859	11.559
99¾	84¾	Treas	9¾ 1992-98	84¾		10.587	11.152
99¾	84¾	Treas	15¾ 1998	99¾		12.221	11.552
99¾	84¾	Treas	13¾ 1998	99¾		11.447	11.566
99¾	84¾	Exch	10¾ 1999	99¾		10.913	10.922
99¾	84¾	Treas	12¾ 1999	99¾		11.451	11.564
99¾	84¾	Conv	10¾ 1999	94¾		10.956	11.562
99¾	84¾	Treas	10¾ 1999	94¾		10.956	11.577

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

117¾	117¾	Treas	13¾ 2000	117¾		11.506	11.229
99¾	99¾	Conv	5¾ 2001	99¾		9.857	10.866
99¾	99¾	Treas	13¾ 1999-02	99¾		11.393	11.224
99¾	99¾	Treas	13¾ 2000-03	99¾		11.357	11.253
99¾	99¾	Conv	5¾ 2001-04	99¾		11.017	10.905
99¾	99¾	Treas	1989-94	99¾		7.279	8.309
99¾	99¾	Conv	5¾ 2004	99¾		10.488	10.888
99¾	99¾	Treas	12¾ 2005	99¾		10.676	10.883
99¾	99¾	Treas	2004-08	99¾		11.113	10.889
99¾	99¾	Treas	13¾ 2002-06	99¾		10.102	10.849
99¾	99¾	Treas	13¾ 2003-07	99¾		11.216	10.886
99¾	99¾	Treas	13¾ 2004-08	99¾		11.214	10.921
99¾	99¾	Treas	13¾ 2005-10	99¾		9.516	10.923
99¾	99¾	Treas	2012-15	79¾		10.053	10.927
99¾	99¾	Exch	12¾ 2013-17	113¾		10.530	10.456

UNDATED

99¾	99¾	War Ln	3½	34¾		10.353	10.353
99¾	99¾	Consols	2½	26¾		10.561	10.561
99¾	99¾	Cons	4%	34¾		10.366	10.366
99¾	99¾	Treas	3½	29¾		10.366	10.366
99¾	99¾	Treas	4%	34¾		10.366	10.366

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113¾	113¾	Treas IL	2½ 1988	113¾		2.209	4.758
99¾	99¾	Treas IL	2½ 1996	99¾		2.199	4.213
100¼	100¼	Treas IL	2½ 2001	100¼		2.203	3.780
99¾	99¾	Treas IL	2½ 2006	99¾		2.203	3.590
99¾	99¾	Treas IL	2½ 2011	99¾		2.203	3.500
99¾	99¾	Treas IL	2½ 2016	99¾		2.203	3.443
99¾	99¾	Treas IL	2½ 2020	99¾		2.203	3.418
99¾	99¾	Treas IL	2½ 2024	99¾		2.203	3.404
99¾	99¾	Treas IL	2½ 2030	99¾		2.203	3.396
99¾	99¾	Treas IL	2½ 2035	99¾		2.203	3.392
99¾	99¾	Treas IL	2½ 2041	99¾		2.203	3.390

BREWERIES

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
159	133	Allied-Lyons	291		10.0	5.5	11.9
1561	1261	Bass	1561		10.0	5.5	14.1
1261	1061	Bell (Arthur)	1261	●	10.0	5.5	13.7
1261	1061	Boddingtons	1261		10.0	5.5	14.1
1261	1061	Brakspear (H P)	1261		10.0	5.5	13.7
1261	1061	Brown (Matthew)	1261		10.0	5.5	13.7
1261	1061	Devenish (J A)	1261		10.0	5.5	13.7
1261	1061	Dirilleri	1261		10.0	5.5	13.5
1261	1061	Forshaws Burton	1261		10.0	5.5	13.7
1261	1061	Grand Met	1261		10.0	5.5	13.7
1261	1061	Greene King	1261		10.0	5.5	13.7
1261	1061	Guinness	1261		10.0	5.5	13.7
1261	1061	Hardys & Hansons	1261		10.0	5.5	13.7
1261	1061	Highland Dist	1261		10.0	5.5	13.7
1261	1061	Invergordon Dist	1261		10.0	5.5	13.7
1261	1061	Irish Dist	1261		10.0	5.5	13.7
1261	1061	Marston Thompson	1261		10.0	5.5	13.7
1261	1061	Morland	1261		10.0	5.5	13.7
1261	1061	SA Breweries	1261		10.0	5.5	13.7
1261	1061	Scot & Newc	1261		10.0	5.5	13.7
1261	1061	Seagram	1261		10.0	5.5	13.7
1261	1061	Vaux	1261		10.0	5.5	13.7
1261	1061	Whitbread 'A'	1261		10.0	5.5	13.7
1261	1061	Do 'B'	1261		10.0	5.5	13.7
1261	1061	Whitbread Inv	1261		10.0	5.5	13.7
1261	1061	Wolverhampton & D	1261		10.0	5.5	13.7
1261	1061	Young 'A'	1261		10.0	5.5	13.7

BANKS DISCOUNT HP

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
111	88	Allied Irish	111		9.0	8.1	33.7
88	88	Am Express Co (Henry)	88		9.0	8.1	
240	240	Aus New Z	240		28.0	11.7	
5161	5161	Bankamerica	5161				
223	223	Bank Of Ireland	223		17.0	6.9	11.1
515	515	Bank Leumi Israel	515				
280	280	Bank Leumi UK	280				
374	374	Bank Of Scotland	374		30.0	8.0	10.5
376	376	Barclays	376		31.0	8.2	11.1
1561	1561	Brown Shipley	1561		21.0	7.8	9.5
1261	1261	Cater Allen	1261		21.0	7.8	9.5
30	30	Cedar	30		2.1	6.9	10.5
5361	5361	Chase Manhattan	5361		36.4	7.8	
2361	2361	Citicorp	2361		20.0	5.4	
96	96	Coutts	96		6.0	6.3	9.1
5961	5961	Nat Bank Wales	5961				
5461	5461	Commerzbank	5461		50.0	9.1	

BUILDING AND ROADS

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
202	180	Aberdeen Constr	184	●	10.4	5.6	11.1
2661	2361	Amec	2661	●	15.7	5.9	10.4
66	66	Armitage	66		4.0	6.0	7.1
111	96	Ashtenda	96		5.0	5.2	29.0
2961	2961	BPB Industries	2961		16.0	5.4	9.5
2961	2961	Baggeridge Brick	2961		9.5	3.6	11.4
94	84	Barrow Dave	84		5.0	5.9	8.4
34	25	Bailey(Benj) Constr	34		2.1	6.2	5.9
136	119	Bellway	136	●	10.0	7.4	8.1
78	61	Bemford Concrete	66		4.4	6.8	34.2
61	51	Bett Bros	51		4.4	8.6	7.1
568	545	Blockleys	568		30.0	5.1	8.5
2361	2361	Blue Circle	2361		38.0	5.4	7.9
219	194	Braedon&Cloud Hill	219		12.7	5.7	29.0
66	66	Brickhouse Dudley	66		4.6	7.4	14.9
66	55	Br Dredging	72		5.0	5.0	18.1
66	53	Brown&Jackson	55				16.3
72	66	Brownlee	72		5.0	6.9	8.0
77	66	Bryant	77		4.4	5.1	8.0
1661	1661	Bunnett & Hetlers	1661		12.5	7.5	4.6
1461	1461	Caledonian Rdway	1461		4.4	2.5	24.2
24	24	Carr (J) Doncaster	24		2.1	8.7	14.3
71	56	Cement-Roadstone	71		1.0	1.4	
66	66	Conder Int	66		2.1	3.2	24.8
3861	3861	Costain	3861		51.4	5.4	7.1
2261	2261	Countryside	2261		7.2	3.1	6.5
106	86	Crouch (David)	86		7.7	8.0	16.8
		Crouch Group					
78	61	Dow (George)	78		6.1	10.4	6.1
57	45	Douglas (Flm)	45		2.5	5.1	36.0
66	56	ERH	66		4.4	7.1	9.9
1161	1161	Feb	1161		4.1	3.2	13.1
82	80	Do 'A'	80		4.1	5.2	10.1
96	80	Finlay (John)	80		6.0	7.8	41.3
117	96	French Kier	107		6.1	5.6	8.1
71	66	Galliford	71		6.1	8.6	11.0
116	105	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	116		2.3	2.1	37.3
206	206	Glasson (AJ)	206		7.2	3.5	9.8
66	66	HAT	66		4.8	5.5	10.1
95	84	Hallad Bar	95				11.1
44	33	Hawden-Stuart	44		2.2	5.0	6.9
114	114	Haywood Williams	135		8.0	6.5	8.0
195	195	Higgs & Hill	195		17.5	9.0	6.7
195	195	IDC	195		10.7	5.4	11.9
169	169	Ibstock Johnsen	164		5.7	3.5	12.6
393	393	Jarvis (J) & Sons	393		25.0	7.8	11.3
195	195	Laing (J)	195		5.8	3.0	7.7
2361	2361	Do 'A'	2361		8.5	3.6	7.7
210	210	Lawrence (Walter)	210		14.0	7.0	5.1
66	66	Lilley (F.C.)	66		5.2	8.0	6.2
216	196	Lovell (VJ)	212		8.6	4.0	10.7
104	104	Magnet & South	140		6.7	4.8	10.0
191	191	Marston	194		10.7	5.5	11.6
343	343	Marshalls (Halifax)	343		11.0	4.7	8.5
97	97	May & Hassell	97		5.9	6.1	3.6
2361	2361	McAlpine (Alfred)	2361		15.7	6.3	8.5
142	112	Mayer Int	137		7.0	5.1	7.2
14	14	Miller (Stanley)	16				
136	106	Monk (A)	121		6.3	7.7	6.6
238	188	Mowlem (John)	238		17.0	7.7	7.7
666	666	Newarthill	666		15.7	2.6	11.8
163	143	Nottingham Brick	143		7.1	4.9	7.5
625	625	Pearce (CH) Sons	725		9.3	1.3	14.4
146	124	Phoenix Timber	146		8.7	3.6	5.6
2161	189	Pochins	2161		17.0	5.1	4.7
2361	2361	RMC	2361		12.0	4.5	12.3
3361	2561	Redland	3361		8.6	5.4	7.4
193	193	Roberts Adlard	193		8.6	5.4	6.6
2361	2361	Robertson Slco	2361		0.8	0.3	6.6
1961	1961	Rotarnold	1961		11.1	5.5	10.6
129	129	Rugby Cement	129		8.0	7.2	8.5
178	178	SGB	178		9.6	5.3	12.2
72	72	Sharpe & Fisher	72		3.2	4.5	11.6
54	54	Smart (J)	54		5.6	10.4	11.0
586	464	Tarmac	586		22.5	3.8	11.4
443	443	Taylor Woodrow	443		21.4	4.8	11.8
110	110	Tilbury Group	110		9.9	9.0	6.0
374	374	Travis & Arnold	374		11.3	4.1	8.0
97	97	Trent	97		14.1	14.5	11.8
277	270	Tumill	277		16.0	5.8	29.0
153	153	Warnpfont	153		12.0p	12.1	11.8
188	147	Ward	188		8.4	5.5	8.7
64	62	Warrington (T)	64		5.7	8.5	7.3
345	266	Watts Blake	345		7.8	2.9	16.4
70	70	Western Bros	70				15.5
64	64	Wiggins	64				
278	172	Wilson (Connolly)	278		4.5	2.9	10.7
134	97	Wimpey (George)	134		4.6	3.7	8.7

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
29	24½	AKZO N/V Bearer	24½		4.6p	16.5	
2361	2161	Allied Colloids	216		9.6	7.4	23.0
2361	2361	Amersham	2361		17.5	7.3	7.8
53	31½	Anchor Chemical	35		6.1p	8.0	7.2
53	53	Arrow Chemical	53		2.7	4.6	12.1
2561	2561	Bayer DM50	2561		70p	12.1	
100	100	Blagden	112		10.3	7.2	16.8
164	164	Brent Chems	167		5.8	3.5	
19	19	Br Benzol	17½				
78	78	Br Tar Products	167		5.0	4.7	16.4
21	21	Cassing (W)	21		2.0	5.1	14.6
154	154	Coalite	154		6.6	4.2	11.2
154	154	Coates Bros	154		6.6	4.2	11.2
154	154	Do 'A'	154		6.6	4.2	11.2
151	151	Cory (Horace)	151		6.6	4.2	11.2
215	215	Crode	215		10.0	4.6	12.1
215	215	Do Dfd	215		10.0	4.6	12.1
215	215	Ellis & Everard	215		10.0	4.6	12.1
215	215	Halstead (James)	215		10.0	4.6	12.1
215	215	Hickson	215		10.0	4.6	12.1
2361	2361	Hoechst DM50	2361		70p	12.1	
784	784	Imp Chem Ind	784		45.0	5.7	7.5
215	215	Laporte	215		10.0	4.6	12.1
215	215	Leigh	215		10.0	4.6	12.1
215	215	Pyras	215		10.0	4.6	12.1
171	155	Rexdell	171		8.0	4.6	22.3
132	132	SMA BPD	132				
151	151	Stewart Plastic	151		3.6	2.3	14.5
313	313	Wolsenholme Rink	313		11.1	3.5	11.6
66	66	Yorkshire Chem	66		2.5	3.8	11.0

CINEMAS AND TV

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
134	128	Anglia TV 'A'	128		11.4	7.5	11.0
2561	2161	Grampian	216	●	17.1	7.9	8.5
116	116	HTV N/V	116		10.0	8.5	8.6
216	216	LWT 'A'	216		17.1	7.9	8.5
136	136	Scot TV 'A'	136	●	11.4	8.3	8.6
114	114	TVS N/V	114		9.6	7.5	8.6
26	23	TSW	26		2.2	8.5	8.6

DRAPERY AND STORES

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
446	356	ASR	446		18.4	4.1	8.8
496	396	Aquascutum 'A'	496	●	20.0	4.0	8.8
1561	1261	Beattie (James) 'A'	1561		10.0	6.4	8.8
1261	1261	Bentalls	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
1261	1261	Bimmerer	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
317	317	Br Home Stores	317		20.0	6.3	8.8
376	376	Brown (N)	376		30.0	8.0	8.8
482	482	Burton	482		30.0	6.2	8.8
1261	1261	Cand (A) &Son	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
1261	1261	Clarkes 'A'	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
1261	1261	Coates (S)	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
1261	1261	Church	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
1261	1261	Combined English	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
1261	1261	Courts (Furn) 'A'	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
1261	1261	Debenhams	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
1261	1261	Dewhirst (J)	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
1261	1261	Dixons	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
1261	1261	Dunns	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
1261	1261	Ellis & Goldstein	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
1261	1261	Ellys (Wimbledon)	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
1261	1261	Empire Stores	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
1261	1261	Fenn	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
1261	1261	Fiberclass Clothes	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
1261	1261	Fine Art Dev	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
1261	1261	Ford (Martin)	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
1261	1261	Forrester	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
1261	1261	Fraser	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
1261	1261	Freeman	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
1261	1261	Geiler (AJ)	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
1261	1261	Gent Sir	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
1261	1261	Goldberg (A)	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
1261	1261	Goldsmiths Gp	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
1261	1261	Gordon	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
1261	1261	Greenfield Stocks	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
1261	1261	GUS	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
1261	1261	Do 'A'	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
1261	1261	Hepbel Mothercare	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
1261	1261	Hints Queensway	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
1261	1261	Hstone Of London	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
1261	1261	Hepworth (J)	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
1261	1261	Holms	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
1261	1261	Home Charm	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
1261	1261	House Of Lerose	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
1261	1261	Jones (Ebbw)	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
1261	1261	Ladies Pride	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
1261	1261	Lee Cooper	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
1261	1261	Liberty	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
1261	1261	Lincroft Kilgour	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
1261	1261	Marks & Spencer	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
1261	1261	Mendies (John)	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
1261	1261	Mitchs Leisure	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
1261	1261	Moss Bros	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
1261	1261	NSS Newsagents	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
1261	1261	Oliver (S)	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
1261	1261	Owen Owen	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
1261	1261	Peters Stores	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
1261	1261	Preedy (Alfred)	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
1261	1261	Reiners (Jewellers)	1261		10.0	7.9	8.8
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Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Sinclair sheds light on vulnerable Thorn

The cash crisis at Sinclair Research, which has admitted that it needs to raise £ an extra £15 million, naturally brings echoes in the City of the difficulties at the rival Acorn, which was bailed out when the aggressive and expansive Olivetti took control.

All fingers therefore pointed at Thorn-EMI, which supplies Sinclair with computers, to perform a similar role. Without quite bolting the door, Thorn lost no time yesterday in making it clear that it had no such thing in mind. No wonder.

Whatever his own view of the commercial merits of teaming up even more closely with Sir Clive Sinclair, Thorn's Peter Laister knows that his own £1 billion group is now highly vulnerable to the views of the stock market, which are, to say the least, jaundiced.

If he needed any reminder, it came yesterday with a 15p rise to 472p in Thorn-EMI shares. This was a response not to Mr Laister's little local difficulties with Sinclair, but to the latest rumour that the £2.7 billion Hanson Trust, or America's RCA (or any other plausible name) is about to end controversy over Thorn-EMI's long-term strategy by making a takeover bid for a group which has until now thought of itself as hunter rather than hunted.

The most significant element in these rumours is that there are a lot of people in the City who would like them to be true. The City's complaint against Mr Laister is simple. He has not delivered the goods in terms of the rising profit that would justify Thorn's prime place in so many share portfolios, the more so since the City stumped up an extra £140 million of share capital less than a year ago to fund the purchase of Inmos. Instead, the fund managers and brokers have some awkward explaining to do.

Thorn's profits for the half-year to September fell from £56 million to £40 million. City forecasts for the full year ended in March have been progressively downgraded from a heady £180 million (against the previous year's £157 million) to nearer £130 million, falling fast.

The modest Mr Laister has readily conceded that he has failed to convince the City of his long-term strategy to move the emphasis of the group from the mature cash-producing consumer businesses for which it is famous to cash-hungry but high growth and high technology areas – a strategy which took the financial world by surprise when Thorn launched its abortive bid for British Aerospace. Mr Laister recently appointed a new and well-respected managing director, partly to improve the group's image and leave him more time to explain what the strategy is all about.

In this case, however, the City's disillusion cannot be wholly put down to dislike of high risk long-term growth. The basic television and music businesses have been causing the recent troubles as much as any. The group is distrusted for poor housekeeping rather than ambition.

Stand by for the usual oil price cut

The world oil market is in the throes of its traditional early summer crisis. Reading the runes of Saudi Arabia's pricing and production policy remains as frustrating as usual, but it is clear that sentiment in the oil trade has taken a decisive turn for the worse in the last few days, to the point where the question appears to be, not whether another oil price cut is on the way, but merely when and on what scale.

Despite weekend denials, it seems likely that Norway will announce some modest price cut this week for its June supplies, and Britain's fast-disappearing BNOC, will shortly confirm that it will pay its suppliers a lower price fo June cargoes (having already effectively disposed of its June oil in advance at a lower price). These North Sea pices are still only marginal in the global market, but nobody doubts that Opec is up against it again, with several member countries cheating on their quotas against a demand for oil which is both seasonally and fundamentally weak.

Opec's market monitoring committee will meet early next week to review the situation. It will be armed with the report of its newly-appointed auditors on how far countries such as Nigeria are in fact cheating.

Few unbiased observers of the world economic scene will bemoan any further weakening in the oil price, provided that the slide is gradual rather than abrupt (and there is little evidence that it will be anything other than gradual at this stage).

In stock market terms, however, the prospects of another oil price cut will probably only accentuate the increasingly bizarre behaviour of the oil sector. The market is convinced that the long awaited process of rationalization in the sector is finally going to happen in earnest this year.

The three-way takeover bids for Petrolex, and Britoil's bid for Hanson's onshore British acreage, have confirmed that the trend is under way, even if the prices being paid appear high.

One of the ironies is that nearly all the serious potential bidders – Britoil, Enterprise, Charterhouse and perhaps Clyde Petroleum – are now suffering from relatively poor ratings, while their potential targets are riding high, thanks to the bid premium attributed to them by the market.

The bouyant share prices of the target companies are effectively inhibiting the very takeovers that the companies are meant to be attracting. For the good companies such as Charterhouse (now langishing at 99p and an obvious buy on any fundamental grounds), it is frustrating – but they are good enough not to rush in and pay a fancy price when the outlook for the sector as a whole can only be bearish.

The crunch comes for brokers

A steady stream of proxy votes is flowing into the Stock Exchange ahead of next week's meeting of members on important changes to the exchange's rules and constitution that the ruling council is trying to push through. All proxy votes have to be in by Thursday evening, so those still intending to vote by post must dispatch their forms today – correctly post-coded and with first class stamp – to be sure of having their say.

Members are being asked to vote on two proposals: one permitting outsiders own 100 per cent of a member firm and the other making members' shares in the Stock Exchange transferable. The first requires only a simple majority, but the second, which involves amending the Stock Exchange Deed of Settlement, needs a 75 per cent vote in favour.

The first proposal is expected to be given the go-ahead by the market's 4,500 members, but the second could easily be defeated.

Opposition to the changes has tended to narrow rather than widen in recent weeks, but this has not stopped the steering committee of firms which want to slow the pace of change in the securities industry from circularizing all members over the weekend with a letter urging them to vote against both proposals.

The rebels want reform to be delayed until 1988, to give the council more time to work over the costings and viability of the various alternatives. While there is something in the rebels' complaints about the unfairness of the present proposals, the council is going to be hard pressed to come up with a scheme which pleases everyone. Time is also the one commodity that the Stock Exchange has not got.

An explosion in off-market share trading is already threatened by the July launch of the new Reuters/Instinet network and any wavering by the council now would be tantamount to suicide.

Lawson rejects integration of tax and social security

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, yesterday came out against full integration of the tax and social security systems. He said the Treasury's green paper on personal tax reform, to be published later this year, would examine all the options, but he indicated that full integration of tax and social security would not be favoured.

The Chancellor, addressing the annual dinner of the Equipment Leasing Association in London, also defended the Government's monetary policy record.

"Despite some ill-informed recent comment, monetary conditions have been firmly under control, certainly since the sharp rise in short-term interest rates some four months ago", he said.

Mr Lawson added that he had explained in the Budget that "the significance of the broad aggregates as monetary indicators has somewhat diminished".

The main focus of the Chancellor's speech, however, was on personal tax reform and the forthcoming green paper. He repeated his personal preference, for a system of independent taxation with transferable allowances.

Full transferable allowances would remove the discrimination against married women who stay home to look after their children, give married women tax independence, and alleviate the poverty and unemployment traps for families where the wife is kept home by children, Mr Lawson said.

The other options to be examined by the green paper contained problems. The Chancellor distinguished two forms of tax – social security integration, the first bringing together tax and national insurance deductions into one deduction system, the second, the more far-reaching integration of transactions in both directions – tax and benefits.

The first, Mr Lawson argued, would save in administrative costs and "make life simpler for employer and employee alike". However, it would also jeopardize the survival of the contributory principle.

"It has become fashionable to sneer at the contributory principle," he said. "But I have to say I see considerable merit in bringing home to people the fact that social security has to be paid for.

"Nor do I believe that most people would consider it right that someone settling in this country at a late age should automatically, at 65, become entitled to the full state retirement pension."

Mr Lawson was even more sceptical about the integration of tax and benefits. The advantages claimed for such a move were the removal of overlap between payment and tax receipt of benefit, and reductions in administrative costs.

However, the Chancellor said means-testing for tax and benefits "are not just two sides of that same coin".

Income tax was unaffected by fluctuations of income within a year whereas benefits responded quickly to short-term changes in circumstances.

A tax credit scheme of the type proposed during the Heath Government of the early seventies would not be appropriate now as it was proposed on a "no-losers" basis and would cost £8 billion.

Cash famine likely all summer at societies

By Richard Thomson

Inadequate deposit income at building societies during May and the likelihood of that continuing throughout the summer have strengthened predictions that mortgage rates will not fall at least until the autumn.

The Building Societies Association yesterday estimated that the industry's net intake for May amounted to around £550 million. This is £50 million more than in the previous month, but is the fourth month running when receipts have fallen far short of the £800 million needed by societies to meet mortgage demand. The result was only marginally affected by withdrawals by investors purchasing British Aerospace shares.

Moreover, as building society chiefs meet for their annual conference next week, they will be preparing for a further deterioration in their position. June is traditionally a bad month for deposits as investors withdraw funds to pay for holidays, but this time the figures will be further depressed as the second payment for British Telecom shares falls due. The BSA calculates that the second BT instalment, which must be paid by June 24, could cost the societies up to £150 million in lost deposits.

Low receipts are likely to continue in July, and in August the car registration change normally leads to large withdrawals for new car purchases. Building society receipts

Building society net monthly inflow

1984	May	£482 million
	June	£830 million
	July	£608 million
	August	£133 million
	September	£887 million
	October	£1,125 million
	November	£363 million
	December	£1,004 million
1985	January	£823 million
	February	£474 million
	March	£214 million
	April	£417 million
	May (estimate)	£550 million

Source: Building Societies Association.

Lower gold prices may hit output

By Our City Staff

Western gold mine production may be little higher by the end of the decade than last year's 1,149 tonnes, itself the biggest since 1972, Consolidated Gold Fields, the mining finance house, said yesterday.

Introducing the company's annual review of the gold market, *Gold 1985*, Miss Louise du Boulay, the report's editor, said: "We think that at current prices the rising trend of gold production will slow down and could even reverse."

She added that there may be little increase over the next few years unless gold price rises to around $400 an ounce. Yesterday it was $310 in London. Production was 1,112 tonnes in 1983.

But the report, a standard work for the market, shows clearly that the industry is still experienceing the consequences of the dramatic rise in gold prices during the late 1970s and early 1980s. South African mine production has recovered to 683 tonnes, its highest since 1979, and in Canada, the second biggest Western world producer, output exceeded 81 tonnes.

One curiosity on the supply side of the market last year was the behaviour of the Soviet Union, the world's second biggest gold producer after South Africa. Gold Fields estimates that 205 tonnes of gold were sold by the Eastern bloc countries to the West in 1984.

But the figures were distorted by unsuccessful operations in the futures market which led last year to the collapse and closure of the Wozchod Bank in Zurich, the Soviet Union's window on the gold world.

On the demand side of the picture, the dominant features of 1984 were very strong consumption of gold for carat jewellery, up from 381 tonnes in 1983 to 436 tonnes.

Brent Walker returning to the lists for £12m

By Jeremy Warner

Mr George Walker, the former boxer and manager of his heavyweight brother, Billy, is making a Stock Exchange comeback to raise £11.96 million.

The stockbroker, Statham Duff Stoop, is offering for sale 9.2 million shares at 130p each in his Brent Walker leisure group. Most of the money raised is earmarked for Mr Walker's plans for the Brighton Marina. Brent Walker has a £325,000 option to purchase the marina for £13 million.

Brent Walker was a fully listed company until three years ago when an unwanted takeover approach forced Mr Walker to take it private once more in a deal which valued it at little more than £4 million. Today's offer for sale places a price tag of £33.7 million on the film production to casinos and sports complexes group.

The company is confident that full planning permission will be granted within 12 weeks for its ambitious proposals to



George Walker: ambitions plans for Brighton Marina

redevelop the Brighton marina into a leisure village containing 800 houses, a hypermarket, sports complex, health hydro, hotel, pubs and restaurants.

Around £50 million has been spent on the accident-prone development so far by a consortium of pension funds and industrial companies.

Group pretax profits for this year are forecast to rise from £2.2 million to £3.4 million.

Courtaulds hit by US sales slump

By Christopher Dunn

Courtaulds, the textiles and chemicals giant, may have lost over £5 million last year in its manmade fibres divisions, when demand slumped in the US and exports turned down. Sir Christopher Hogg, the chairman, revealed yesterday, after announcing a £10 million-plus rise in 1984-85 profits to £128.2 million.

In April, the group announced the closure of its Wrexham factory, which manufactures acetate yarns, and its Greenfield factory, producing viscose staple, with job losses totalling 1,100.

But last night, Sir Christopher denied that Courtaulds planned further closures at its remaining cellulose factories in Grimsby, Coventry and Derby, which employ a total of 2,500 workers.

"We are confident that our retrenchment programme will enable us to keep these factories open for the foreseeable future, and build on them", Sir Christopher said. But he added that the pattern of world demand was uncertain, and that this remained the major factor behind the factories' viability.

Losses by the group last year in its acetate yarn divisions totalled about £2 million, and these were continuing into the current year. Wrexham accounted for a significant amount of these losses.

Losses at the Greenfield factory ran into "hundreds of thousands a month", according to the group.

But the group is paying a sharply higher dividend – 7.1p, compared with 6p last year – and Sir Christopher described the higher payment as an expression of confidence in the future. Tempus, page 26

Clearing system talks set

Euro-Clear, the clearing house for Eurobonds, will discuss its plan for a clearing system for internationally traded equities, next month, its chairman, Dr Rolf-Ernst Breuer, said yesterday. He also said that the value of securities settled through the system last year rose by 67 per cent

IN BRIEF

Boardroom reshuffle

Stock Conversion and Investment Trust, the property company in which Stockley has a near 23 per cent stake, has announced board changes.

Mr Jonathan Lane, aged 39, formerly the group general manager, has been made joint managing director with Mr James Campbell, aged 63, formerly sole managing director. Mr Andrew Woods becomes managing director of Scottish Site Improvements, the principal Scottish subsidiary.

A new appointment designed to strengthen the board is expected shortly, but the company would not comment further last night.



Mr Michael Woskalo, above, and Mr Christopher Hurley have been appointed joint managing directors of Orange Consortium (Harrogate) and Orange Project Services. Mr Hurley has also been appointed joint managing director of House of Orange Developments of Harrogate, North Yorkshire, and Orange Development (UK), of Edinburgh, the two main trading companies of House of Orange Property developers.

Ex-client sues Charles Barker

Charles Barker Group, the City's oldest advertising and public relations comany, is being sued for negligence by a former client and it is contesting the claim. The annual report yesterday, contained a reference by Binder Hamlyn, the auditors to the claim, although its extent was not quantified.

Mr Antony Snow, Charles Barker's chairman, would give no details, saying that the whole matter was *sub judice*. The privately-owned group lifted pre tax profits by 53 per cent to £1.83 million last year.

Profits increase

Profits before tax at Allied-Lyons rose from £195 million to £219 million, after property profits of £22 million (£13.4 million) in the year to March 2. Turnover was up from £2,851 million to £3,175 million and the dividend if lifted from 6.8p to 7.5p. Tempus, page 26

Earnings slip

Ferguson Industrial, the builders' merchant and label manufacturer, made £6.46 million before tax in the year to February 28, down from £6.51 million. Turnover rose from £137 million to £142 million and the dividend is being lifted from 6.5p to 7.2p Tempus, page 26

Boddingtons

Boddingtons' Breweries has launched a £28 million agreed offer for Higsons Brewery. Terms are five-for-three, plus 395p of convertible loan stock. Tempus, page 26

Raybeck sells West End store for £2.35 million

By Judith Huntley

Raybeck, the fashion chain which owns Werff and Lord John, has sold its Lord John store in Regent Street, London to Laura Ashley, the clothing and household goods company for £2.35 million.

The sale, which will give Raybeck a surplus of £840,000 on the book value of the store at historic cost, is part of a series of property asset sales.

Raybeck owned the former Bourne & Hollingsworth department store in Oxford Street but sold its lease to the former freeholders Equitable Life and Scottish Amicable, the insurance companies, in 1983.

Raybeck originally paid £11.3 million for the store but did a sale and leaseback with the life companies for £17 million. A further £400,000 was paid by the institutions on the surrender of the lease.

Raybeck's Lord John operation has been a source of concern to the company for some time. It has suffered from poor management and losses have been mounting.

● Klienwort Benson, the banker acting for Debenhams' management which is considering mounting a buyout as a defence against Burton's £500 million takeover bid, last night claimed that between 25 and 30 parties had expressed an interest in the proposals.

They ranged from banks keen on the attractions of Welbeck, Debenhams' in-house credit business; insurance companies and pension funds prepared to participate in the sale and leaseback of key properties; and developers with an eye on prime outlets such as Harvey Nichols, the Knightsbridge store.

D'Abo attacks Selincourt

Mrs Jennifer d'Abo, who is meeting a £13.5 million unwanted bid for Selincourt, the fashion group, attacked the company's management last night, saying shareholders' funds had shrunk from £18.5 million to £5.7 million in the past five years. She also said Selincourt had paid only nominal dividends since 1981 and pointed to recent five-year service contracts for three Selincourt directors.

Small businesses have healthy outlook, new survey finds

By Our Commercial Editor

Small businesses are doing better than big ones, including those in manufacturing, and more are expecting growth than decline.

This emerges from the first of a new series of quarterly surveys of small businesses by the Small Business Research Trust. It is about three times the size in its sampling base of a similar and compatible survey conducted by the Confederation of British Industry.

The new survey covers between 2,000 and 3,000 businesses, virtually all employing fewer than 100 people. Eleven per cent of the sample started up within the past two years. All small business sectors are covered, including agriculture, manufacturing, transport, construction and services.

The trust's first report, out yesterday, covers two surveys conducted in October last year and January this year. About 70 per cent of the businesses either increased or maintained their employment in 1984 which, the survey points out, is in contrast to the experience of large companies.

New business formation in manufacturing was showing no signs of relative weakness, the survey said.

Sales also increased for a "significant majority" during last year. More were expecting growth than decline in the first quarter of this year, although there was a sharp drop in optimism about prospects in the second survey. This decline is thought to be partly a seasonal effect.

The view that the rate of new business formation is most marked in the South-East finds little support in the survey. Activity was also relatively buoyant in Scotland, East Anglia and the North-West, it found.

Finance and interest rates were cited as the most serious problems facing small businesses.

JOHNSTON GROUP PLC

Manufacturers of road suction cleaners and hydraulic equipment, civil engineering, building and road maintenance, manufacturers of concrete and g.r.p. pipes and roadstone

* Profit before tax within the range forecast.

* Net asset value per ordinary share uplifted by 23%.

* Further dividend increase.

* Continuing emphasis on research and development to enhance and extend product ranges and reduce operating costs.

"The directors remain confident in the underlying strength of the Group and in the absence of unforeseen circumstances anticipate a significant improvement in results for 1985."

Financial highlights	1984 £000	1983 £000	1982 £000
Turnover	58,376	60,191	53,067
Profit before tax	4,461	5,903	6,272
Profit attributable to shareholders	3,227	3,194	3,299
Earnings per ordinary share	31·26p	30·94p	31·99p
Dividend per ordinary share	7·00p	6·50p	6·00p
Net asset value per ordinary share	257·05p	208·78p	184·28p

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MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

FT Ind Ord	1,008.5 (+4.9)
FT-A All Share	635.76 (+1.23)
FT Govt Securities	80.87 (+0.07)
FT-SE 100	1,317.4 (+3.6)
Bargains	25,833
Datastream USM	111.09 (+0.03)
New York:	
Dow Jones	1,298.16 (–3.80)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Dow	12,694.93 (+52.20)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	1,570.84 (+13.06)
Sydney: AO	885.0 (+6.3)
Amsterdam:	210.7 (+1.5)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1,304.2 (+0.4)
Brussels:	
General	335.88 (+30.01)
Paris: CAC	228.8 (+1.5)
Zurich:	
SKA General	357.40 (–2.10)

GOLD

London fixing:
am $313.90pm-$311.25
close $309.50-$310 (£247.50-248)
New York:
Comex $310.65

INTEREST RATES

London:
Bank Base: 12½–12½%
3-month interbank 12 1/16–12 1/16%
3-month eligible bills 12–11 5/32%
buying rate

US:
Prime Rate 10.00%
Federal Funds 7 9/16%
3-month Treasury Bills 7.19–7.15%
Long bond 104½–104¼%

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:

Higsons Brewery	223 +46
Hong Kong Rubber	125 +25
Ass Brit Eng	7½ +1
Jameson Chocolates	82 +10
Campari	32 +4
Pennine Res	50 +5
United Scientific	198 +20
Pineapple Dance	53 +5
Boots	198 +10
Falcon Resources	350 +20
Spear & Jackson	170 +10
Thorn EMI	472 +15
Allied-Lyons	201 +7
Bodyshop Int	690 +35

FALLS:

Applied Botanic	2 –2½
Intervision Vid	6 –2
Comb Tech Grp	16 –2½
Boddingstons' Brew	73 –7
SelecTV	10 –1
Gulfstream Res	80 –7
Freshbake	66 –6
Energy Services	114 –7
Canvarmoor	58 –5
Mnemos	33 –2

CURRENCIES

London:
£: $1.2507 (–0.0061)
£: DM 3.8930 (+0.0015)
£: SwFr 3.2815 (+0.0045)
£: FFr 11.8800 (+0.02)
£: Yen 315.00 (–0.40)
£ Index: 79.0 (–0.1)
New York:
£: $1.2515
$: DM 3.1117
$ Index: 146.8(+0.8)
ECU £0.575567
SDR £0.785107

WALL STREET

	May 24	May 23
AMF Inc	18½	18¾
AMR	45	44⅞
Allied Corp	40⅞	40¾
Allied Stores	58	56⅝
Alls Chalmers	5⅞	6⅛
Alcoa	32½	32⅛
Amax Inc	16½	16⅜
Amerada Hess	29¼	29⅞
Am Brands	66¾	66½
Am Broadcast	110⅝	110
Am Can	56⅛	56⅛
Am Cyanamid	54⅞	54⅝
Am Elec Power	22¾	22½
Am Express	44⅛	44⅜
Am Home	63⅜	62⅞
Am Motors	3	2⅞
Am Nat Res	64⅞	64⅜
Am Standard	30¼	30⅛
Am Telephone	23⅜	23⅛
Amoco	64	65⅛
Armco Steel	7⅝	7½
Asarco	23⅞	24
Ashland Oil	29⅛	29⅝
Atlantic Richfield	60⅞	60¾
Avon Products	19⅝	19¾
Bankers Tst NY	59	59¾
Bankamerica	21⅛	21⅛
Bank of Boston	49⅛	49¾
Bank of NY	43	43
Beatrice Foods	31⅞	31⅞
Bethlehem Steel	17	16¾
Boeing	63½	63⅞
Bolse Cascade	44⅜	43⅞
Borden	33	33⅞
Borg Warner	22⅛	22
Bristol Myers	60⅝	60½
BP	27	27⅛
Burlington Ind	26¼	26
Burlington Nthn	56⅞	56⅜
Burroughs	65⅛	65⅞
Campbell Soup	69⅝	69½
Canadian Pacific	43⅝	43⅜
Caterpillar	34⅝	34⅜
Celanese	103	102½
Central Soya	24½	24½
Champion	23⅝	23⅜
Chase Manhat	59⅛	59⅛
Chem Bank NY	41⅞	41⅛
Chevron	35⅞	36⅛
Chrysler	35¾	35
Citicorp	47⅞	47⅜
Clark Equip	29	29
Coca Cola	67⅞	67⅝
Colgate	24⅝	24½
CBS	109⅜	110⅛
Columbia Gas	30⅝	30½
Combustion Eng	32⅞	32⅝
Cormmth Edison	29⅛	30
Cons Edison	34½	34⅝
Cons Power	6⅝	6⅝
Control Data	30⅞	30⅞
Corning Glass	39⅛	40⅛
CPC Intl	43	42⅝
Crane	37⅞	37⅝
Crocker Int	27⅛	26⅞
Crown Zeller	40¾	41
Dart & Kraft	99⅛	99⅜
Deere	29½	29⅛
Delta Air	46⅞	45⅝
Detroit Edison	16⅝	16⅛
Digital Equip	105⅛	103⅝
Disney	83	83
Dow Chemical	33⅝	32⅞
Dresser Ind	20⅞	20⅜
Duke Power	32⅛	32⅞
Du Pont	59⅛	58⅝
Eastern Air	8⅞	8⅜
Eastman Kodak	44⅛	44
Eaton Corp	54⅜	55
Emerson Elect	69	69⅝
Evans Prod	2	2

	May 24	May 23
Exxon Corp	53½	53⅛
Fed Dept Stores	64⅛	62⅞
Firestone	22⅛	22
Fst Chicago	26½	25⅞
Fst Intrst Bncp	51⅛	51⅛
Fst Penn Corp	6⅜	5⅝
Ford	42⅝	42⅝
GAF Corp	33⅞	34⅛
GTE Corp	42	42
Gen Corp	43⅞	44⅛
Gen Dynamics	72⅜	72⅛
Gen Electric	60⅝	60⅛
Gen Foods	66⅛	66½
Gen Mills	56⅛	57⅛
Gen Motors	70⅛	69⅞
Gen Pub Util NY	13⅛	13⅛
Genesco	4⅜	4¼
Georgia Pacific	23⅜	23⅝
Gillette	61⅛	62⅛
Goodrich	33⅞	33⅞
Goodyear	29¾	29¼
Gould Inc	23	22⅞
Grace	41⅛	41⅛
Gt Atlnc & Pacific	16⅛	16⅜
Greyhound	29⅛	29⅜
Grumman Corp	28⅛	28⅛
Gulf & West	36⅜	36⅛
Heinz H J.	52½	52⅛
Hercules	35⅛	35⅛
Honeywell	61	61
IC Inds	33⅛	33½
Ingersoll	48⅛	48⅜
Inland Steel	23⅛	23⅜
IBM	131	131⅝
Int Harvester	8⅝	9
INCO	14⅛	14
Int Paper	51	51
Int Tel Tel	32⅜	32⅝
Inning Bank	37⅞	38
Jim Walter	37⅛	36⅝
Johnson & John	46⅞	46⅞
Kaiser Alumin	13⅞	13⅝
Kerr McGee	31	31⅛
Kimberly Clark	55⅜	54⅞
K Mart	37⅜	37⅛
Kroger	43⅞	43⅝
L T V Corp	8½	8½
Litton	77	76⅛
Lockheed	50⅝	50
Lucky Stores	20⅝	20⅝
Manuf Hanover	38⅜	38⅛
Manville Cp	5⅞	5⅛
Mapco	34½	34½
Marine Midland	32⅞	32⅞
Martin Marietta	55⅝	55⅝
McDonnell	74⅜	73⅝
Mead	43¼	42⅝
Merck	108⅜	107⅝
Minnesota Mng	77⅜	77⅞
Mobil Oil	31⅝	31⅞
Monsanto	47¾	47¼
Morgan J. P.	49⅞	49⅜
Motorola	33⅝	33⅛
NCR Corp	29⅝	29⅛
NL Industries	11⅛	11⅝
Nabsco	65⅞	64⅝
Nat Distillers	31⅛	29⅝
Nat Med Ent	28⅝	28⅝
Norfolk South	68	66⅞
NW Bancorp	25⅝	25⅞
Occidental Pet	31⅝	31⅛
Ogden	29¼	29⅛
Olin Corp	31⅛	31⅛
Owens-Illinois	45⅞	45⅝
Pacific Gas Elec	19⅝	19⅞
Pan Am	6⅝	6⅞
Penney J. C.	50⅝	49¾
Pennzoil	50	50⅛
Pepsico	57	56⅞
Pfizer	49⅛	48⅝
Phelps Dodge	21⅝	21⅛

	May 24	May 23
Philip Morris	87½	86⅞
Phillips Petrol	39	38⅞
Polaroid	30⅛	29⅝
PPG Ind	39¾	39⅝
Procter Gamble	53⅛	51⅞
Pub Ser El & Gas	30⅝	30⅝
Raytheon	45⅝	45⅝
RCA Corp	42⅝	42⅝
Reynolds Ind	76⅛	77⅛
Reynolds Metal	35⅞	35⅛
Rockwell Int	36	35⅝
Royal Dutch	57	56⅞
Safeways	31⅞	31½
Sara Lee	40	39⅝
SFE Sopac	28⅛	28½
SCM	48⅛	48⅛
Schlumberger	38⅛	45⅛
Scott Paper	37⅞	37⅞
Seagram	41⅞	41
Sears Roebuck	36	35⅞
Shell Oil	59⅝	60
Shell Trans	35⅝	36⅛
Signal Co	40⅛	40
Singer	37	37⅛
Smithkline Beck	70	67⅝
Sony	16⅛	16⅞
Sth Cal Edison	29⅞	29⅞
Sperry Corp	52⅜	52⅝
Std Oil Ohio	48⅞	48⅛
Sterling Drug	31⅝	31½
Stevens J. P.	18⅝	18½
Sun Comp	51⅛	50⅞
Teledyne	248½	246⅞
Tenneco	41⅝	41⅝
Texaco	37	37⅛
Texas East Corp	36⅝	35⅞
Texas Inst	92⅝	92
Texas Utilities	29⅛	28⅞
Textron	51⅛	51
TWA	35⅞	34½
Travelers Corp	47⅞	47⅝
TRW Inc	72⅛	72
UAL Inc	49	46⅝
Union Carbide	38⅝	38⅝
Unocal	36⅝	35⅞
Un Pacific Corp	50⅛	49⅝
Unroyal	20	19⅞
United Brands	16⅛	16
US Steel	29¾	29⅝
Utd Technol	40⅝	40⅝
Wachovia	36⅝	36⅝
Warner Lambert	41⅛	40⅛
Wells Fargo	58	57⅞
Westinghse Elec	34⅝	34⅛
Weyerhauser	30	29⅞
Whirlpool	44⅜	44⅛
Woolworth	45½	45⅝
Xerox Corp	49⅛	49⅞
Zenith	22¾	22¾

CANADIAN PRICES

Abitibi	10⅛	10⅞
Alcan Alumin	35⅝	35⅛
Algoma Steel	22⅜	22⅛
Bell Telephone	43⅛	41⅛
Can Pacific	20	19⅝
Comnco	13⅜	13⅛
Cons Bathurst	15⅛	15⅝
Gulf Oil	18⅛	18⅛
Hawker/Std Can	19⅛	19⅝
Hudson Bay Min	7⅞	7⅞
Imasco	28⅝	29⅛
Imperial Oil	51⅞	51
Int Pipe	39⅛	39⅝
Mass.-Fergan	3.00	2.95
Royal Trustco	19½	20⅛
Seagram	57⅛	56⅛
Steel Co	20	19⅝
Thomson N 'A'	20⅛	20⅛
Walker Hiram	30⅝	30⅝
WCT	17⅛	17¼

● Ex div ▫ Asked c Ex distribution h Bid k Market closed. n New issue p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Shares lose early gain

New York (AP-Dow Jones) – Share prices were modstly higher in early trading but retreated in mid-morning.

The Dow Jones industrial average slipped 4.14 to 1,297.83 after being up seven points earlier.

Trading was moderately active while advancing issues outnumbered declining shares by 6-to-5. Earlier they had a 2-to-1 edge.

The bond market was sharply higher. Prices of 30-year Treasury bonds remained up about 1¼ points, near their highs for the day, and bond traders attributed their market's performance to speculation about further cuts in oil prices, a relatively low federal funds, and comments by technical analysts that the bond market is breaking out of a seven-year bear pattern.

Fed funds were trading at 7⅜ after trading at an average rate of 7.46 per cent on Friday.

The outlook for lower oil prices centres on developments in Norway and Saudi Arabia but officials there have denied taking the measures attributed to them. Statoil, the Norwegian oil company, said it has not cut its price for contract crude oil for June delivery as unwound over the weekend.

Burroughs has down ⅛ to 65, Digital Equipment added 1⅜ to 106⅛ and IBM ¾ to 131⅝.

General Motors gained ⅝ to 70¾, Ford 1 to 43¾ and Chrysler ⅝ to 36.

United Airlines lost ⅞ to 48⅛ but Republic Airlines rose ⅛ to 8. Trans World Airlines was down ⅛ to 16¼.

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE
Rubber in £'s per tonne; Coffee and cocoa in pounds per metric ton; Gas-oil and sugar in $ per metric tonne.
G W Joyasoo and Co report

RUBBER

Jun	715–80
Jul	725–00
Aug	735–10
Sep	745–50
Oct	755–60
Nov	765–70
Dec	775–80
Jan	unquoted
Feb	unquoted
Jul/Sep	735–10
Oct/Dec	765–70
Jan/Mar	unquoted
Vol: 2	

SUGAR

Aug	95.8–95.6
Oct	99.2–99.0
Dec	105.2–104.8
Mar	118.0–117.8
May	122.0–121.4
Aug	128.0–127.8
Oct	133.0–131.0
Vol:	521

COCOA CALL

May	1780–88
Jly	1737–98
Sep	1787–86
Dec	1750–48
Mar	1758–58
May	1774–68
Jly	1783–68
Vol:	152/2030

COFFEE

May	2055–52
Jly	2095–90
Sep	2139–35
Nov	2180–82
Jan	2240–35
Mar	2225–20
May	2215–2195
Vol:	167/1221

GAS OIL

Jne	218.75–18.50
Jly	217.50–17.25
Aug	218.75–18.50
Sep	220.00–18.75
Oct	222.50–21.75
Nov	225.00–23.00
Dec	228.00–24.00
Jan	230.00–24.00
Feb	231.00–30.00
Vol:	nil/1006

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices:
Official turnover figures
Prices in pounds per metric ton Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE

Cash	1190.00–1192.00
Three months	1159.00–1160.00
T/O	7,800
Tone	Easier

STANDARD CATHODES

Cash	1179.00–1180.00
Three months	1179.00–1180.00
T/O	Nil
Tone	Idle

TIN STANDARD

Cash	9645–9655
Three months	9600–9610
T/O	345
Tone	Steady

TIN HIGH-GRADE

Cash	9650–9660
Three months	9605–9615
T/O	40
Tone	Quiet

LEAD

Cash	294.00–295.00
Three months	300.00–301.00

ZINC STANDARD

Cash	805.00–806.00
Three months	814.50–815.00
T/O	3,200
Tone	Steady

ZINC HIGH GRADE

Cash	860.00–866.00
Three months	860.00–856.00
T/O	850
Tone	Quiet

SILVER LARGE

Cash	478.5–479.5
Three months	484.0–485.0
T/O	Nine
Tone	Quiet

SILVER SMALL

Cash	478.5–479.5
Three months	484.0–485.0
T/O	Nil
Tone	Idle

ALUMINIUM

Cash	870.00–871.00
Three months	893.50–894.00
T/O	5,600
Tone	Steady

NICKEL

Cash	4445.4450
Three months	4435–4440
T/O	492
Tone	Firmer

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION:
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on May 22s:
GB: Cattle, 100.24p per kg lw (–0.66).
GB: Sheep, 186.78p per kg est d c w (–8.94).
GB: Pigs, 79.82p per kg lw (–1.23).
England and Wales:
Cattle nos. down 5.3 per cent, ave. price, 99.34p (–0.84).
Sheep nos. up 6.9 per cent, ave. price, 187.83p (–7.76).
Pig nos. up 32.3 per cent, ave. price, 79.29p (–1.17).
Scotland:
Cattle nos. down 2.0 per cent, ave. price, 102.86p (–0.19).
Sheep nos. up 29.8 per cent, ave. price, 177.89p (–23.96).
Pig nos. down 16.3 per cent, ave. price, 83.12p (–0.36).

BALTIC FREIGHT INDEX
G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd report
$10 per index point

	High/Low	Close
Jul 85	891–887	891.0
Oct 85	930–928	929.0
Jan 86	922–922	921.0
Apr 86	nnn	997.5
Jul 86	932–932	935.0
Oct 86	—	968.0
Jan 87	—	1016.0
Apr 87	—	1075.0

Spot: 954.5
Turnover: 109.

The figures for London Grains and Meat and Potato futures refer to Friday's trading.

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
£ per Tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Jul	£119.20	–
Sep	£98.70	£98.90
Nov	£103.00	£102.55
Jan	£106.75	£106.10
Mar	£110.10	£109.05

Volumes:
Wheat 111
Barley 54

LONDON MEAT FUTURES EXCHANGE
Live Pig Contract
p per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Jun	102.0	102.0
Jul	99.0	99.0
Aug	96.5	97.3
Sep	99.0	99.0
Oct	100.8	100.5
Nov	100.8	100.3
Jan	94.0	94.0
Feb	94.0	94.0
Mar	94.5	94.5
Apr	95.0	95.0
May	94.0	95.0
Volume: 2		

Pig Meat
p per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Jun	107.0	106.8
Aug	101.0	101.0
Oct	105.9	105.9
Nov	106.0	106.2
Feb	98.5	99.8
Apr	99.0	99.4
Total: 6.		

LONDON POTATO FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
May	62.50	70.00
Nov	64.80	64.70
Feb	73.50	72.50
Apr	85.40	85.50
May	90.50	90.80
Total: 189		

APPOINTMENTS

Marconi Defence Systems: **Dr John Forrest** has been made technical director, Mr N. E. Franks marketing director, Mr Brian Richards director for guided weapons, Mr Len Ogier director for electronic warfare and Mr David Thewlis assistant director of software.

Data Logic: **Mr Peter McKee** becomes managing director from July 1. He succeeds Mr Alan Thomas who has been elected vice-president of Raytheon Company and appointed president and chief executive of Raytheon Europe, Data Logic's present company.

National Mutual Life: **Mr Henry C. Hoare**, a managing partner of C. Hoare & Company, the banker, has been made a non-executive director. Mr Jonathan Mitchell and Mr Gavin Hill, assistant general manager (sales & marketing) and assistant general manager (investment) respectively, have been appointed executive directors.

PA International Consulting Group: **Mr Gunnar Rylander**, PA group chief executive in Scandinavia, will become chairman from January 1, 1986. Mr Kenneth Hampton, the group's international chief executive, will be chairman between July 1, and his retirement

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

The market remained as quiet after the holiday as it had been before the break. Period rates were not going anywhere, because all the signposts are so confusing. The odd issuer of paper was seen in the "threes" and "sixes" during the morning.

Two or three building societies tried to put out prime paper in the "threes" at 12⅜ per cent, but mostly found the

market unresponsive. Business in straight deposits proved sluggish.

Day-to-day money held at 12¾–7⅞ per cent throughout the morning and into the afternoon. It eased to 12½–¾ per cent at a late stage, only to firm to 13 per cent in thin trading in the closing minutes. Eurodollar deposits tended to ease.

Dollar CDs (%)
1 month 7.64-7.54 3 months 7.77-7.67
6 months 7.97-7.87 12 months 8.52-8.42

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 12½-12½
Finance House 12¾

Discount Market Loans%
Overnight: High 12⅝ Low 12
Week fixed: 12⅝-12½

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying	Selling
2 months 12	2 months 11⅝
3 months 11⅝	3 months 11⅝

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)

1 month 12⅝-12⅜	2 months 12⅛-12⅜
3 months 12-11⅝	6 months 11⅛-11⅛

Trade Bills (Discount %)

1 month 12⅝	2 months 12⅝
3 months 12⅜	6 months 12⅛

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 12⅜-12⅛ close 13

1 week 12⅜-12⅛	6 months 12⅜-12⅛
1 month 12⅜-12⅛	9 months 12⅜-12⅛
3 months 12⅜-12⅛	12 months 12⅜-12⅛

Local Authority Deposits (%)

2 days 12⅝	7 days 12⅝
1 month 12⅝	3 months 12⅝
6 months 12⅝	12 months 11⅞

Local Authority Bonds (%)

1 month 13⅛-12⅝	2 months 13⅛-12⅝
3 months 13-12⅝	6 months 12⅝-12⅝
9 months 12⅝-12⅝	12 months 12⅛-12⅛

Sterling CDs (%)

1 month 12⅝-12⅝	3 months 12⅝-12⅝
6 months 12⅝-12⅝	12 months 12-11⅝

EURO-CURRENCY DEPOSITS %

Dollar		call	7⅞-8⅛
7 days	7⅞-8⅛	1 month	7⅞-7⅝
3 months	7⅞-7¾	6 months	8⅛-8
Deutschmark		call	5¼-5⅜
7 days	5¼-5⅜	1 month	5¼-5⅜
3 months	5¼-5⅜	6 months	5⅜-5⅜
French Franc		call	9⅞-10
7 days	10⅛-10⅜	1 month	10⅛-10⅛
3 months	10⅛-10⅜	6 months	10⅛-10⅛
Italian Franc		call	2½-1⅝
7 days	14½-14	1 month	5¼-5⅛
3 months	5¼-5⅛	6 months	5⅛-5⅛
Yen		call	6⅛-6
7 days	6¼-6⅛	1 month	6⅛-6
3 months	6¼-6⅛	6 months	6⅞-6⅝

GOLD

Krugerrand (per coin):
$318.50-320 (£254.75-256.25)
Sovereigns* (new):
$73-74.50 (£58.25-59.50)
*Excludes VAT

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV: Average reference rate for interest period 3 April, 1985, to 7 May, 1985, inclusive: 12.76% per cent.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

The dollar drifted slightly higher in quiet, thin and treadless markets yesterday. The pound, which closed marginally lower, also drifted aimlessly after the long holiday weekend.

With many operators extending their break – and others preparing for the annual foreign exchange dealers' meeting in Toronto this week – there was little activity

Sterling closed at 1.2587 against the dollar, after 1.2568 at the previous close, having remained above 1.2500 for most of the day and only slipping below this level in late trading as the dollar firmed.

However, the pound managed to hold ground on the Continent and showed a gain for most of the day against the mark, eventually closing a little higher at 3.8933 (3.8915). The index slipped by 0.1, to close at 79.0.

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range May 28	Market rates close May 28	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.2500-1.2555	$1.2500-1.2515	0.51-0.49c prem	1.49-1.46c prem
Montreal	$1.7207-1.7331	$1.7213-1.7258	0.44-0.36c prem	1.26-1.22c prem
Amsterdam	4.3875-4.4051fl	4.3875-4.3890fl	2¼-1¾c prem	6¾-6¼c prem
Brussels	78.25-78.84fr	78.29-78.50fr	27-22c prem	76-69c prem
Copenhagen	13.9881-14.0200k	13.9885-14.0100k	4¾-3¾ore prem	11¾-10¼ore prem
Dublin	1.2438-1.2489p	1.2438-1.2449p	1p prem-1p disc	4p-2p prem
Frankfurt	3.8891-3.9056m	3.8891-3.8975m	2¾-2pf prem	8¾-6¾pf prem
Lisbon	217.78-222.14e	217.78-221.78e	1¼-2¼c prem	300-1180c disc
Madrid	220.00-220.72p	220.76-220.72p	5 prem-10p disc	15-50p dscm
Milan	2475.52-2486.78lr	2477.55-2486.78lr	par-2lr disc	2-5lr disc
Oslo	11.1634-11.2134k	11.1634-11.2018k	¼ prem-¼ore disc	¼ prem-¼ore disc
Paris	11.8627-11.9053f	11.8642-11.9036f	2¼-2¼c prem	7¼-6¾c prem
Stockholm	11.2165-11.2551k	11.2165-11.2551k	2¾-3¼ore disc	8-9¼ore disc
Tokyo	314.75-315.75y	314.75-315.32y	1¼-1¾y prem	4¼-3⅝y prem
Vienna	27.34-27.47sch	27.36-27.42sch	1¼-1⅜gro prem	4¼-3⅝gro prem
Zurich	3.2702-3.2866f	3.2780-3.2866f	2-1¾c prem	6-5¼c prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down 0.1 at 79.0 (day's range 79.1-79.0).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina peso*	704.19-705.40
Australia dollar	1.8668-1.8913
Bahrain dinar	0.4705-0.4745
Brazil cruzeiro*	8690-8721
Cyprus pound	0.78-0.79
Finland marka	8.0660-8.1080
Greece drachmas	170.60-172.80
Hong Kong dollar	9.7116-9.7300
India rupee	15.55-15.75
Iraq dinar	n.a.
Kuwait dinar (KD)	0.3785-0.3805
Malaysia dollar	3.0962-3.1013
Mexico peso	300-315
New Zealand dollar	2.7800-2.7885
Saudi Arabia riyal	4.5070-4.5470
Singapore dollar	2.7859-2.7921
South Africa rand	2.5171-2.5242
United Arab Emirates dirham	4.5850-4.6250

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.0043-1.0085
Singapore	2.2265-2.2295
Malaysia	2.4750-2.4770
Australia	0.6620-0.6650
Canada	1.3780-1.3795
Sweden	8.0650-8.0750
Norway	8.9250-8.9350
Denmark	11.1700-11.1800
West Germany	3.1060-3.1110
Switzerland	2.8220-2.8250
Netherlands	3.5080-3.5110
France	9.4780-9.4860
Japan	251.45-251.55
Italy	1980-1985
Belgium(Comm)	62.80-62.95
Hong Kong	7.7896-7.7715
Portugal	172-176
Spain	176.00-176.30
Austria	21.88-21.93

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOREX and Extel. *Lloyds Bank International.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
193	162	Aberdeen	182	–2	9.4b	5.1	...
101	87½	Alba	97	+1	2.9b	2.1	...
688	564	Alliance	658		24.0	3.7	...
155	118	Anglo Amer Trust	137		4.1	3.0	...
302	264	Ang Amer Sec	273		8.1	3.0	...
146	129	Ashdown	134		3.9	2.9	...
220	178	Atlantic Assets	209		6.7	3.2	...
102	88	Bankers	94		3.5b	3.7	...
194	167	Berry	177	+1	1.4b	0.8	...
178	152	Border & Sthrn	161	+2	4.7	2.9	...
111	97	Br Amer Gen	97		2.7	2.8	...
215	182	Br Assets	202		9.5b	4.6	...
92	82½	Br Empire Sec	88		1.3	1.5	...
373	328	British Inv	340		20.0	5.9	...
79	64	Bruner	71		2.9	3.5	...
89	72	Charter Agency	83		3.1b	3.7	...
686	535	Continental	653		25.7b	4.1	...
778	440	Crescent Japan	444	+2	1.1	0.5	...
405	336	Delta	395				...
169	87	Derby Inc	164		16.2	9.8	...
103	96	Do Cap	101				...
394	294	Drayton Cons	384		13.1	4.7	...
146	126	Drayton Far East	138		1.6	1.2	...
429	348	Drayton Japan	362		3.6	1.0	...
412	368	Drayton Premier	408		16.2	4.6	...
158	142	Dundee Loo	178		6.7	3.8	...
118	88	Edin Amer Assets	105		0.6	0.6	...
117	103	Edinburgh	113		4.1	3.6	...
282	234	Electric Gen	270		6.6b	1.8	...
254	229	English Int	250		9.1	3.6	...
78	68	English Scot	70		1.8	2.6	...
105½	91	English NY	104		2.8	2.4	...
107	95	F & C Alliance	98		3.4	3.5	...
186	146	F&C Pacific	142		5.4	3.8	...
227	188	Family	227		9.9	4.3	...
278	242	First Scot Amer	268		12.9b	4.8	...
178	150	First Un Gen	170		6.7b	4.0	...
550	440	Fleming American	470		7.5	1.6	...
288	238	Fleming Claver	287		12.4	4.3	...
288	238	Fleming Enterprise	288		11.1	4.2	...
288	238	Fleming Far East	288		4.4	1.5	...
113	100	Fleming Fledgling	113		3.6	3.2	...
500	468	Fleming Japan	488		4.3	0.9	...
119½	108	Fleming Mercantile	119½		4.9	3.6	...
134	106	Fleming Overseas	109		2.3b	2.1	...
183	139	Fleming Tech	139		3.1	2.3	...
234	178	Fleming Universal	226		11.4	5.0	...
74	60½	For Co	66		1.9	2.8	...
127	102	GBC Capital	98	–1	2.0b	1.4	...
185	145	GT Japan	148	–2	2.0b	1.4	...
618	559	General Funds	595		13.6	2.3	...
220	200	General Cons	208	–1	10.1	5.2	...
287	253	Glasgow Stock	274		14.0	5.2	...
278	251	Globe	273	+2	12.9	4.7	...
244	208	Greenfriar	244		11.5	4.7	...
275	238	Gresham House	263		8.7	3.3	...
196	162	Hambros	191		6.7	3.5	...
292	238	Hill (P)	251		13.5	5.4	...
518	448	Investin Success	518		7.8	1.5	...
298	238	Inv Cap	298		12.0	4.0	...
52	42	Jessel Assets	52		2.1	4.0	...
272	216	Lake View	265	+1	8.5	3.2	...
195	166	Law Debenture	173	–2	7.9	4.5	...
88	68	Lon Scottish Sec	88		2.9	3.3	...
88	68	Mid Wynd	84		2.9	3.5	...
95	78	Merchants	94		3.9	4.2	...
174	147	Monks	159		8.4	5.3	...
118	98	Murray Income	117		5.6	4.8	...
98	85	Murray Growth	93		2.0	2.2	...
134	112	Murray Ind	128		6.4	5.0	...
113	94	Murray Small	108		3.3	3.0	...
288	238	Murray Venture	287		13.3b	4.6	...
369	358	New Court	360		20.4	5.7

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Cash call anxieties inhibit trade amid continuing bid speculation

By Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

Takeover bids – real and rumoured – once again dominated the stock market yesterday. In often pathetically thin trading prices moved ahead but there was little evidence of any widespread buying enthusiasm.

Stores continued to attract interest as speculators shopped around for the next takeover candidates in the wake of the £500 million Burton Group offer for Debenhams.

Management buy-out talk and hopes of higher bids lifted Debenhams 7p to 388p. Burton, however, looked every bit a bidder with its shares 6p down at 485p.

Harris Queensway, which enjoys trading links with Debenhams and could well play a part in the takeover action, rose 10p to 254p, helped by suggestions that Woolworth Holdings, raising £143 million through a rights issue, could nurse ambitions towards HQ.

Combined English Stores, J. Hepworth, Our Price and W. H. Smith and Son were among other high street names to make progress.

According to Datastream calculations, the stores section recorded a 0.4 per cent gain.

The FT 30 share index closed with a 4.9 points gain at 1,006.5 points. It had, in early trading, been a little higher.

The more broadly based FT-SE share index achieved a 3.6-point rise at 1,317.6 points.

With sterling holding its own on the foreign exchange market, hopes of interest rate cuts continue to flicker although the prospect of more heavy cash calls remain an inhibiting factor on the market.

British Telecom appeared for the first time in its new 90p paid form. It opened at 201p against an effective 194p level. The closing price was 198p.

Government stocks drifted aimlessly, losing up to £¼.

Fielding, Newson-Smith, the broker, has raised it profit estimates for the Glaxo Group. The analyst, Ms Lindsay Jenkins, believes the group will achieve £425 million in its current year against £256 million last time. Her earlier forecast was £400 million.

For the next year her new forecast is raised £50 million to £5 million. The shares were unchanged at 1250p.

Polly Peck International, Mr Asil Nadir's creation, fell 2p to 282p as Mr Chris Munro at Laurie Milbank and Co, the broker, forecast that profits in the year to the end of August would emerge at £85 million (£50.5 million) and hit £115 million in the following year.

Allied-Lyons topped the 200p mark for the first time as the company reported profits of £219 million against £194.9 million. The shares gained 7p to 201p.

But Higsons Brewery, on the receiving end of an agreed offer from Boddingstons' Breweries, had the most exciting beer run. At one time the shares were riding at 250p against a 177p suspension price. But then as the shares of Boddingstons' declined on the surprise bid, Higsons fell back in sympathy, closing at 223p. Boddies shares lost 7p to 73p.

Tate & Lyle shares dipped 2p to 448p as the market waited for today's half-year profits news from the sugar refining and trading giant. Analysts expected the results anywhere in the £27 million to £35 million range, although there was a strong feeling in places that the figures would come out at the bottom end.

At Henderson Crosthwaite, Mr David Lang, analyst, expected only modest improvement on the 1984 first-half total of £27 million. A price war in the United States sugar market, and a tightly competitive situation at home both augured badly, according to Mr Lang, and a five-week strike at Redpath Industries, the Canadian subsidiary, was no help.

Rowntree Mackintosh, however, was looking strong again, the shares rising 17p to 445p. Takeover talk is back, with the speculators hearing tales once more of an approach from Nabisco, the leading US foods group.

Certainly, bid suggestions have refused to leave Rowntree shares in the past year and the price has stayed on an upward trend. A year ago the shares stood at 264p.

Thorne EMI advanced 15p to 472p. Suggestions resurfaced that Hanson Trust, the market's bidder for all seasons, was contemplating an offer for the company.

The group, together with Timex, has given credit to Sinclair Research, the computer group headed by Sir Clive Sinclair. There were market rumours last week that Thorn was thinking about bidding for Sinclair. Now, it appears, the group will not even be taking a stake in the company.

Trans-Atlantic buying helped Imperial Chemical Industries 10p higher to 762p.

British Aerospace was uncharged at 466p with the partly paid stock edging ahead 1p to 223p.

Mr Keith Donaldson, analyst at Phillips Drew, the broker, forecast profits of £154 million with a jump to £186 million in the following year.

TI Group shares keep a firm front these days, as one leading broker has changed its tune about the engineering company. An "old bear" has turned into a bull of the stock, believing there is good chance of "substantial recovery" at TI, with management changes having a good effect. The shares rose 2p to 258p, within 10 of their best for the year.

One engineering outfit which continues to lose supporters is Combined Technologies Corporation. Having disclosed losses of £12 million last week, sellers of the stock were still apparent. at one stage the share price fell to 15p, but by the close the loss had been limited to 2p with the price at 16½p. Brammer, which is being pursued by a bid from Bunzl, rose 11p to 371p yesterday, touching 378p at one point. Bunzl, whose shares were unchanged at 463p, is offering a shares and loan stock deal or 370p a share in cash.

At Energy Services and Electronics, where Brammer has a takeover bid on the table, the share price fell 7p to 114p. Brammer has agreed terms with ESE, and at the present Brammer price the offer values each ESE share at 138p. But Brammer shareholders have to approve the deal at an extraordinary meeting in three weeks, knowing that a takeover of ESE will exclude the Bunzl bid for Brammer.

Share prices on the oils pitches recovered from an early mark-down which had followed more worrying noises over the weekend about the direction of world oil prices. BP ended the day 2p lower at 528p, Lasmo was down 5p to 290p but Shell managed a small rise and Tricentrol and Ultramar were both unchanged at the close.

Among second line oil stocks, Carless, Capel & Leonard progressed by 9p to 175p, partly because of market hopes of a bid from Britoil and partly because of a "buy" note from leading stockbroker, Wood Mackenzie.

Falcon Resources gained 20p to 350p alongside the annual meeting and EGM which ratified a scrip issue. In his statement on trading, the chairman said there had been three new oil discoveries since the report and accounts were published.

Boots improved 10p to 198p ahead of year's figures, due on Thursday. The market expects about £175 million which would represent an 18 per cent advance.

Talk of a partial bid from Campari, the leisure equipment group, helped the shares 4p higher to 32p. The company had found the going difficult in recent times. Last year it suffered a £2.8 million loss compared with a £157,000 loss in the previous year.

Profit-taking Meyer International, the timber group which has been firm on the back of an Australian share build-up. The price slipped 4p to 137p.

Takeover rumours helped United Scientific Holdings to 198p, a 20p gain.

Takeover talk about Carpets International continues with Interface Flooring Systems of the United States the market's favourite to bid. Mr David Tattersall at Henry Cooke, Lumsden, the country's largest provincial broker, rates the shares a speculative buy. He forecasts current year profits of £3 million against £1,420,00. The shares rose 2½p to 72½p yesterday.

Stand by for news from Mebon, the industrial coatings maker which came to the USM 18 months ago at a placing price of 95p. The shares have been hit in the last eight months by bad debt and industrial problems, but ahead of yesterday's suspension of dealings the price rallied strongly from around 55p to 75p. The market believes that a bidder has appeared. Full year results are also due.

City opinions vary about the prospects of F. J. C. Lilley, the construction group, after its £6 million drop in profits for 1984/5. Parsons & Co, the Glasgow broking firm which acts for Lilley, says profits in the year to next January will be back up to £11 million – a sharp contrast to the £5 million estimate from Scrimgeours 10 days ago.

Dunhill profits up £4m

By Alison Eadie

Dunhill Holdings, worldwide marketer of luxury consumer products, made a record £15.1 million pretax profit in the year to the end of March, an increase of 35 per cent on turnover 21 per cent up to £117 million.

Of the £4 million increase in profits, £2.5 million came from Dunhill led by men's fashions, and £1.5 million from Montblanc, the high class pen manufacturer, with the US smoking products subsidiary, Lane, remaining static. Exchange rates contributed a gain of £500,000. Chloé, the French perfume and fashion house bought for £6.4 million last January, made no contributions to the figures.

The group intends to continue to add to its range of prestige brand names. It is looking for acquisitions in any quality consumer products that can be carried or worn. It has the wherewithal to go shopping with net cash at the year end £5.5 million higher at £16.5 million. A cash payment of £4.7 million was made last year for Chloé and £3.2 million came in from the sale of Richards & Appleby, a British toiletries company

The addition of Chloé should add £125 million to total consumer sales this year. The group expects consumer sales to rise by nearly 60 per cent to £460 million this year, with an estimated 18 per cent rise from Dunhill to £200 million.

The City expects taxable profits to rise by 19.5 per cent to £18 million, including a £1 million contribution from Chloé and a possibly negative currency impact. About 90 per cent of Dunhill's revenue comes from outside Britain.

Royalty income from smoking products, which Rothmans International manufactures under licence, came to £3.2 million about half of which came from Dunhill cigarettes. Rothmans continues to hold 50.6 per cent of Dunhill's shares and has stated it does not intend to raise its stake.

The shares rose 8p to 338p on the results, still some way off the high of 396p reached a few weeks ago on speculation that Rothmans might bid for the rest of Dunhill.

A total dividend of 3.8p is recommended, a rise of 36 per cent.

COURTAULDS PLC

Preliminary Announcement of Results 1984/85

Year ended 31 March	1985 £m	1984 £m
Turnover to External Customers	2,151.9	2,038.1
Turnover to UK Customers	929.3	917.2
Exports from UK (including inter-group)	441.8	432.5
Turnover Overseas	848.8	748.7
Operating Profit – UK	71.0	72.7
– Overseas	63.0	54.8
– Total	134.0	127.5
Share of Profits of Related Companies	4.9	2.1
Interest Payable net of Investment Income	(10.7)	(11.8)
Profit on Ordinary Activities before Taxation	128.2	117.8
Taxation – UK (including ACT £7.9m, 1984 £6.9m)	(8.3)	(7.2)
– Overseas	(19.8)	(21.2)
	(28.1)	(28.4)
Profit on Ordinary Activities after Taxation	100.1	89.4
Minority Interests	(9.3)	(11.8)
	90.8	77.6
Extraordinary Items (net of realisation profits £17.9m, 1984 £3.0m)	(15.4)	(19.7)
Profit attributable to Courtaulds PLC	75.4	57.9
Preference Dividends	(0.1)	(0.1)
Profit attributable to Ordinary Shareholders	75.3	57.8
Ordinary Dividends	(19.0)	(15.8)
Earnings per Ordinary Share before Extraordinary Items	23.91p	21.26p

Earnings per share increased by 12%. The Board is recommending a final dividend of 3.6p per Ordinary Share which, together with the interim dividend already paid, makes a total for the year of 5.0p (gross equivalent 7.143p, 1984 6.0p). This represents an increase of 19%.

During the year there was a sharp falling-off in demand for the Group's cellulosic fibres from textile consumers in the USA and in export markets outside Western Europe. Despite this, and the effect of exchange rate movements which reduced the sterling value of overseas operating profit by £5m, profit before tax increased by £10.4m.

The Group has continued the shift of its resources towards businesses with good growth prospects.

There was a marked increase in capital expenditure which totalled £126m, compared with £84m in 1983/84. The leading position of Courtelle in Western Europe was reinforced by the acquisition of a major acrylic fibre producer in Spain, which contributed £5m to the result for Fibres. New plant which will further enhance Saiccor's competitiveness as an international supplier of dissolving woodpulp was completed on schedule and is now being commissioned. International Paint continued to develop its world presence in the rapidly growing powder coatings market. BCL increased capacity for polypropylene packaging film, and a further major production line will be added in 1985/86. National Plastics opened a plant in the USA for bottle closures and laminated tubes. There was substantial investment in new technology in Clothing. Businesses not regarded as strategic to future development were divested.

The organisation of the Group's major business areas into Chemical and Industrial Products, and a Textiles Group (comprising Spinning, Fabrics and Clothing), will further strengthen the focus on new growth opportunities.

Partly reflecting the substantially higher level of capital expenditure, net debt increased to £54m at 31 March 1985 (£23m at 31 March 1984), and the ratio of net debt to equity was 9:91.

The breakdown of turnover, operating profit and capital employed between major business areas is:

Year ended 31 March — £m

	Turnover 1985	Turnover 1984	Operating Profit 1985	Operating Profit 1984	Capital Employed 1985	Capital Employed 1984
Chemical and Industrial Products						
Fibres	665	582	37	39	164	135
Woodpulp	88	104	21	22	73	55
International Paint	382	353	21	20	119	118
BCL	247	210	12	12	72	53
National Plastics	50	45	3	3	19	14
	1432	1294	94	96	447	375
Textiles Group						
Spinning	169	154	9	8	40	32
Fabrics	334	316	18	13	104	96
Clothing	373	356	20	16	88	78
	876	826	47	37	232	206
Miscellaneous	(156)	(82)	(7)	(5)	(51)	(42)
Total	2152	2038	134	128	628	539

The Report and Accounts will be posted to shareholders on 24 June 1985 and the Annual General Meeting will be held at the London Marriott Hotel, London W1, on 23 July 1985. The final dividend will be paid, if approved, on 5 August 1985 to shareholders on the register on 18 June 1985.

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D.C. Pimlott, Secretary
28 May 1985

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Traded option highlights

The traded options market reflected the dull tone pervading Throgmorton Street yesterday, and a total of just 6,072 contracts were traded. Even British Telecom failed to rouse investors, and only 777 BT options changed hands.

Racal provided some glamour, with more than 1,000 contracts traded after the electronics group was commented on in weekend press reports. The Racal share price in the main market showed a small gain.

The currency option scored a total of 797 trades, and the gilt contract came in for a relatively high amount of business, with 477 contracts dealt in. Price movements across the lists were small, although the BT prices were adjusted along with the main share price to take account of the upcoming 40p a share cash call.

Pressure mounts for CWS–CRS merger

From Derek Harris, Bournemouth

Renewed efforts will be made next month to bring about a £3 billion merger of the Co-op's two largest organizations, the Co-operative Wholesale Society (CWS) and Co-operative Retail Services (CRS). Talks on the merger started three years ago but have been bogged down in constitutional problems.

Both CWS and CRS are under pressure to speed up discussions after a new mandate for the merger from the Co-operative Congress – the co-operative movement's annual parliament – meeting at Bournemouth. Both organizations will be discussing their next moves at board meetings in late June.

By an overwhelming majority – 32,082 votes to 4,842 – the congress voted for more speedy discussions. It was a bigger majority that expected because of earlier disquite among some societies that the merger would create such a big organization that it could threaten the sovereignty of other retail societies.

Merging CWS and CRS would create a trading organization with a combinded turnover of more than £3 billion. CRS, the movement's largest retailer, has annual sales of nearly £1 billion and CWS has a turnover of £2.1 billion.

CWS mostly supplies goods and services to the 100 retail societies making up the Co-op, but also has retail operations in Scotland, Northern Ireland, and around London. CWS and CRS together would account for nearly a third of Co-op retailing.

Constitutional changes are being planned by CWS, subject to a referendum being held, to give retail members a more democratic voice.

Co-ops vote to campaign against Sunday trading

By Our Commercial Editor

The Co-operative Congress, the co-operative movement's annual parliament, yesterday condemned the move towards extended shop hours, particularly on Sundays, in England and Wales.

By 37,030 votes to 316, the congress decided that the Co-op should campaign vigorously against any legislation to bring in the changes promised by the Government.

The congress felt that interests of shop workers should be considered, and deplored the possible abolition of wages councils setting minimum standards of pay. Co-op delegates alo argued that Sunday trading would affect the traditional British Sunday.

One delegate described the proposals as Mrs Thatcher's attack on the Co-op movement. It was also argued that abolition wage councils would not necessarily price people into jobs because any savings on wage costs might simply be used by some retailers to boost profits.

Although the Co-op is now committed to a last-ditch attempt to stop the changes, Sunday trading is unlikely to be ignored by retail societies. In Scotland, where there is Sunday opening by shops already, some Co-op outlets open on Sundays in order to compete for retail sales.

POLLY PECK INTERNATIONAL PLC

RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 1ST MARCH 1985

(Unaudited)	1985	1984	Increase
Turnover	£82.8m	£58.7m	41%
Profit before taxation	£28.2m	£21.4m	32%
Profit after taxation	£23.8m	£17.0m	40%
Earnings per share	25.2p	18.8p	34%
Dividend per share (net)	1.5p	1.0p	50%

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TEMPUS

Fighting talk from Courtaulds given a cool reception

Key features of the Courtaulds figures are a drop in profits in the fibres division from £39 million to £37 million; a jump in capital expenditure from £84 million to £126 million; and a 19 per cent improvement in the dividend to 7.1p.

The fall in fibres profits reflects what Sir Christopher Hogg, the chairman delphically describes as a sharp falling-off in demand from US textile consumers and export markets outside Western Europe. In reality, the effects of the drop run like a leitmotif through the group's trading experience last year; they led directly to the decision to close the Wrexham and Greenfield factories.

Courtaulds' traditional money spinner is just not what it was, as competition from the East and pressure from alternative fibres erode – probably terminally – its old cost advantage. The group's exports might have been some £25 million higher, but for demand problems in cellulose fibres.

But the group points with pride to its ability to withstand the impact of such a downturn without any great traumas. A mere £2 million drop in trading profits ought to be viewed as a metaphor for the way in which Courtaulds has striven during its great retrenchment programme to build up alternative interests.

On the one hand, some £250 million has been written off during the last five years; on the other, Courtaulds is now talking about its growth areas in paint, plastics, and polypropylene. Hence the importance of the group's increased capital expenditure; it now seems to be suggesting that the time is ripe for adopting a more aggressive attitude towards new markets, after keeping much of the £71 million raised in the 1983 rights issue on deposit until now.

The group can certainly afford to spend. Even though net debt doubled last year, the debt-equity ratio is negligible.

Finally, the dividend increase represents less of a defensive move to fend off predators like Hanson Trust, but more of a down payment on future progress. The market heard what the group had to say yesterday in studied calm and the shares closed unchanged at 145p. But last month's sharp outperformance against the market points towards gathering confidence beyond the Courtaulds bunker.

Allied-Lyons

Allied-Lyons' beer division has been a poor performer. Mr Richard Martin and his colleagues, who took control in January, have been given a chance to improve its performance. Will they get a Skolarship?

Last year saw beer profits increase by only 8.5 per cent to £79 million (before property profits). Whitbread and Bass did much better. In two years' time, however, the comparison could look rather different. The company hopes to recoup the £24 million redundancy costs charged below the line in 18 months or more, implying a £40 million boost to pretax profits over that period.

Allied-Lyons is spending heavily on pubs, in the hope of gaining better returns. It says sales of lager brands, including Skol. Löwenbrau and now Schlitz of the US, are going well.

The Lyons food division continues to make steady progress. Profits were up by 13 per cent to £56 million and the company implies that this growth can be sustained. Overall demand is unchanged but new products and improved efficiency are apparently keeping up the pace.

The food businesses, which include tea, coffee, cakes and ice cream, make a 20 per cent return on capital. The group as a whole makes only 11 per cent. The minimum target is apparently 15 per cent. That should soon be feasible.

Meanwhile profits of £210 million (against £197 million last year) before property profits are in sight for this year, making the p/e ratio 10 with the shares at 193p. If Mr Martin is indeed a Skolar, the rating should improve.

Boddingtons

Boddingtons' Breweries' bid for Higsons Brewery contains perhaps more than it fair share of piquant details. For every three Higsons shares, for example, five Boddingtons shares are on offer plus 395p of Boddingtons 9½ per cent Convertible Unsecured Loan Stock.

Assuming a price of 72p for the Boddingtons Ordinary and applying a price of £105 to the Loan Stock gives an exit price for Higsons equity of 258p.

It is valid to value the Loan Stock in this way because those clever young men at Kleinwort Benson, acting for Boddingtons, are in effect issuing a further tranche of an existing loan stock, first created in 1982 to finance the takeover of Oldham Brewery.

But the market was unimpressed by this pre-emptive move to take over the Government Broker's role. The shares closed last night at around 225p, well down on the offer price.

The hidden subtleties do not end there. An important player behind the scenes in the deal looks to have been Bass, which had built up a 12 per cent stake in Higsons, and which presumably will now roll its interest over into Boddingtons.

But Boddingtons is already partly owned by Whitbread. Hence the deal may bring these two arch rivals in the brewing sector face to face.

Lager is at the bottom of the deal. Higsons has spent about £6 million recently on new lager production and lager now accounts for approximately 30 per cent of total output. Nevertheless, full-year profits to September this year are expected to be well down at around £1 million, mainly because Higsons' cost structure is so high.

But Boddingtons, the superstar of the regional brewers during the Seventies, has failed to participate in the great lager boom of the Eighties; the brew accounts for just over a tenth of turnover. Hence the group is willing to pay nearly 30 times earnings for the Higson plant, a fair indication of the underlying defensive nature of the deal from Boddingtons' point of view.

Boddingtons accepts that the deal will show some earnings dilution, which it hopes to minimize by greatly reducing Higsons' costs. But by shifting so heavily into lager on its own account, will Boddingtons' actually prod Whitbread, one of Boddingtons' lager suppliers, to sell its stake?

Ferguson Ind

Ferguson Industrial Holdings' plan to float off its printing and packaging division has apparently been put on the back burner. Is Ferguson now tempted to hold on to the whole business, since it is virtually the only area to put on a good show?

The printing and packaging division increased its contribution by an underlying 15 per cent and now accounts for three quarters of the total £7.59 million trading profit. If floated off, the business might be worth £33 million or so. This implies that the rest of the group is valued at just £4.4 million or eight times earnings. Too high or too low?

The rest of the group consists of a small chain of builders' merchants and some manufacturing operations. Profits from the merchanting business fell by a fifth last year. Some of that decline is attributable to the effect of the miners' strike but it seems part stems from the company's refusal to join its larger rivals in cutting prices. While the price war continues, the outlook for Ferguson remains gloomy.

The float idea has highlighted Ferguson's lopsided structure. It has not made the group more attractive to investors, but it might look better to potential bidders

EQUESTRIANISM

Whitakers decide to remain amateur

By Jenny MacArthur

John and Michael Whitaker, Britain's two top amateur showjumpers and last year's Olympic team silver medal winners, have been dissuaded from turning professional after a last-minute plea to their sponsors, the Next fashion group, by General Sir Cecil Blacker, the chairman of the show jumping selection committee.

George Davies, the chief executive of Next, said yesterday that for the "time being" the brothers would remain amateur. The importance of this decision was underlined by General Blacker, who said: "If we had an Olympic team without the Whitakers our chances of a medal would almost vanish."

The brothers, who receive almost £40,000 each from their sponsors, are delighted with the decision. John, the older, said that after competing in Los Angeles where the atmosphere was "just unbelievable" they had said to each other on the aeroplane coming home that the only way they could better that experience was by getting the gold in 1988.

Last Friday, after hearing that Mr Davies planned to announce this week that the brothers were turning professional General Blacker flew by helicopter to see Mr Davies in Leicester in an 11th hour attempt to reverse the decision. In a lengthy discussion he emphasised the likely value of the Whitakers to the 1988 Olympic effort. He also reminded Mr Davies that the qualifications for the 1988 Olympics had not been announced.

Mr Davies agreed that the brothers should remain amateur for the immediate future. The situation will be discussed again when the IOC announce the new qualifications. By remaining amateur the Whitaker horses are not allowed to carry the prefix "Next".

Both brothers are likely members of the European championships in France this summer, where John will defend his individual silver medal won two years ago. They are also among the five riders from whom the team for this week's Nations Cup a Hickstead will be chosen.

This year, Mr Davies has pledged £1 for every £1 that John and Michael Whitaker win at the four big shows – The Royal International, the Hickstead Derby, the Horse of the Year and the Olympic Show to go to the Riding for the Disabled which this year celebrates its centenary.

TENNIS: MATCH OF WISE OLD BIRDS IN FRENCH CHAMPIONSHIPS

Wade makes a gracious exit to praise from Navratilova

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, Paris

Any woman who reaches the ripe old age of 28 and is still good enough to earn a decent living from the game - Martina Navratilova, for example - has to be surprised to share a court with somebody even older. In the French championships it has happened to Miss Navratilova in two consecutive matches. On Monday she lost one game to Pamela Teeguarden. Yesterday she lost three to Virginia Wade.

They played on a lovely afternoon in the intimate, circular enclosure of court one, a suitably cosy rendezvous for two wise old birds (the "old" is relative) who enjoyed each other's company. This was probably the last sigles match Miss Wade will play here. She was relieved to lose to Miss Navratilova rather than to some younster who would simply have kept the rallies going until weariness or bordom provoked a Wade error.

"I didn't embarrass myself," Miss Wade said later, "but most of the rallies ended with a winner - from her. Martina works you so hard and comes up with tremendous shots. It's difficult to retain your belief that you can win. The willpower evaporates as the conflict goes on."

Miss Navratilova was equally gracious. "It's always fun to play Virginia," she said. "I have a lot of respect for her. And I know she won't beat my any more: I guess that makes it even more enjoyable. She played well, though, and she moves better than a lot of the younger players."

Miss Navratilova gave a press conference while nursing her 4lb 8oz miniature fox terrier, K.D. (short for "Killer Dog"), which is disproportionately well equipped for sound reception. "She's still trying to grow into her ears," Miss Navratilova explained. She - Miss Navratilova, that is - was asked to comment on the fact that after the first day the only British players left in the singles were Miss Wade and John Lloyd, who are both in their 30s.

"British women have always been best on grass or indoor surfaces," she said. "It's hard to play on clay when you haven't been brought up to it." She should study the records. British women win the French championship more often than they win Wimbledon. This just happens to be a lean period in which, at this level, British players cannot be taken seriously.

Miss Navratilova favours the current consideration of restricted competition for players in their early teens. She cited the cases of Andrea Jaeger ("a chronic shoulder injury") and Tracy Austin ("a chronic sciatic back"). Miss Jaeger, runner-up here in 1982 and at Wimbledon in 1983, played and won yesterday. She said she wanted to make up for last year, when she retired after one set.



Martina Navratilova: a matter of will-power

Since then Miss Jaeger has played only four singles matches, including yesterday's, and has put on more than two stone. "I'd been injured for more than a year," she said, "and tennis wasn't fun any more." Miss Jaeger, now aged 19, does not intend to compete again until August. She is going home for practice and therapy. "It's too soon," she said, "to play two or three tournaments in a row".

Stefan Edberg, who has so much talent that it makes him shy, even sheepish, is competing on shale for the first time this year but had a good win over Claudio Panatta. Boris Becker, aged 17, beat the 1980 runner-up, Vitas Gerulaitis, one of the few Americans to do well. "We have players who can serve and volley but can't run the ball down," Gerulaitis said, "and players who are very steady but can't put the ball away". File that for reference when anyone asks you to explain the cliché about the horns of a dilemma.

RESULTS FROM ROLAND GARROS

Men's singles

FIRST ROUND:

B Taroczy (Hun) bt T Mumster (Aus), 7-5, 6-3, 7-6; H Sundstrom (Swe) bt G Urpi (Sp), 6-3, 6-3, 6-1; M Wilander (Swe) bt T Tulasne (Fr), 6-1, 6-4, 6-2; T Benhabiles (Fr) bt T Nelson (US), 7-5, 5-7, 7-6, 6-3, 6-3; M Catoja (Yug) bt L Botazzi 2-6, 7-5, 7-5, 6-3; T Allan (Aus) bt M Mitchell (US), 6-0, 6-2, 6-3; M Jaite (Arg) bt P Cane (It), 7-5, 7-5, 6-2; J Lloyd (GB) bt G Ocleppo (It), 6-3, 6-3, 6-1; A Chesnokov (USSR) bt E Adams (US), 6-2, 6-2, 6-1; E Teeguarden (US) bt D Cargois (Sp), 6-2, 6-3, 6-3; R Arguello (Arg) bt M Davis (US), 6-4, 6-4, 7-6; A Gerszabi (Arg) bt R Simpson (NZ), 6-2, 6-2, 6-2; B Becker (WG) bt V Gerulaitis (US) 6-3, 6-7, 6-1, 6-1; S Edberg (Swe) bt C Panatta (It) 7-6, 6-3, 6-3; K Carlsson (Swe) bt M Westphal (WG) 6-2, 6-1, 6-2; J L Clerc (Arg) bt J Lapidus (US) 6-4, 6-3, 6-1; J Potier (Fr) bt Z Kuharszky (Hun) 6-1, 6-4, 6-1; M Vajda (Czech) bt V Van Patten (US) 6-4, 3-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3; J Aguilera (Sp) bt V Pecci (Par) 6-2, 6-3, 7-5; H van Boeckel (Neth) bt E Winogradsky (Fr) 1-6, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4, 9-7; E Bengoechea (Arg) bt M Ingiarno (Arg) 7-5, 2-6, 6-4, 6-7, 6-4; J Nystrom (Swe) bt H-D Beutel (WG) 6-2, 4-6, 6-1, 6-0; M DePalmer (US) bt J Brown (US) 5-7, 6-3, 6-7, 7-6, 6-3; H Gunthardt (Switz) bt D Kanatic (WG) 6-0, 6-3, 6-4; J Connors (US) but W Popp (WG) 6-4, 6-1, 7-5; G Vilas (Arg) bt W Masur (Aus) 6-3, 6-2, 6-2; G Holmes (US) bt D Perez (Uru) 6-3, 7-5, 4-6, 6-4; R Viver (Sp) bt J Fitzgerald (Aus) 6-7, 6-4, 6-2, 6-1; E Sanchez (Sp) bt G Fyrle (Yug) 6-1, 7-5, 6-1; 6-0; P McNamee (Aus) bt K Limberger (Aus) 6-3, 6-4, 6-4; Y Noah (Fr) bt L Pimek (Czech) 6-7, 6-1, 7-5, 6-4.

Women's singles

FIRST ROUND:

C Lindqvist (Swe) bt W White (US) 6-0, 6-7, 6-2; C Bassett (Can) bt A Betzner (WG) 7-6, 7-6; Z Garrison (US) bt J Golder (US) 6-3, 6-0; N Herreman (Fr) bt F Bonsignori (It) 7-5, 6-4; P Berg (US) bt S Gokes (Yug) 6-3, 6-2, 6-4; G Dinu (WG) bt M Oulman (US) 7-5, 7-5; I Cueto (WG) bt E Minter (Aus) 7-6, 5-7, 6-3; A Minter (Aus) bt M Schropp (WG) 6-2, 6-2; C Suire (Fr) bt J Russell (US) 7-5, 6-2; E Derly (Fr) bt J Durie (GB) 7-5, 6-3, 6-4; R Fairbank (SA) bt A Hobbs (GB) 7-5, 6-2; T Phelps (US) bt R Uys (SA) 6-4, 6-4; G Kim (US) bt E Eliseenki (USSR) 6-1, 6-2; M C Calleja (Fr) bt L Bernstein (US) 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; P Casale (US) bt K Cummings (US) 6-3, 6-1; N Mondel (SA) bt G Rush (US) 6-1, 6-3;

Rush (US) 6-1, 6-3; T Scheuer-Larsen (Den) bt B Potter (US) 6-3, 6-1; C Benjamin (US) bt C Jaxall (Swe) 4-6, 6-3, 6-0; V Nelson (US) bt I Demongeot (Fr) 6-2, 6-2; H Sukova (Czech) bt E Pfaff (WG) 6-1, 6-2; E GURGIN (US) bt J Kitch (US) 7-5, 4-0 (ret hurt); C Karlsson (Swe) bt T Holliday (US) 4-6, 6-3, 6-1; A Jaeger (US) bt S Foltz (US) 6-4, 7-5; L Bonder (US) bt C Vanier (Fr) 7-6, 2-6, 6-0; K Horvath (US) bt V Ruzici (Rom) 6-4, 2-6, 6-3;

L Gildemeister (Peru) bt Leand (US) 6-3, 6-2; P D Jaush (Switz) bt P Eschenardy (Fr) 7-5, 6-3; L McNeil (US) bt G Purdy (US) 6-1, 6-2; A Kanellopoulou (Gr) bt B Nagelsen (US) 7-5, 3-6, 6-4; S Hanika (WG) bt A Smith (US) 7-5, 6-1.

SECOND ROUND

M Navratilov (US) bt V Wade (GB) 6-3, 6-0.

RUGBY UNION

Barnes and Rees lead an England revival

From David Hands
Rugby Correspondent, Dunedin

Otago	16
England	25

The ability to recover from disappointment is an important ingredient of any aspiring tour party. England did so at Carisbrook yesterday, shrugging off the weekend defeat by Auckland in beating Otago, one of New Zealand's stronger provinces, by four tries and three penalty goals to a goal, a try and two penalties.

It was England's most encouraging display of the tour though it does not minimise selection problems for the first international against New Zealand on Saturday. The experiment of playing Davies at full back was a limited success and the form of Rees, Orwin and Hill will make them difficult men to omit at Christchurch.

Rees, the Nottingham flanker, was outstanding and had the stud marks on his back to prove it. Otago, not notably beefy, have to rely largely on lineout and loose ball, and Rees by his speed over the ground and use of the ball, denied them so much secondary possession.

England still portrayed the inability, so common to sides from Britain, to concentrate for the full 80 minutes. After an excellent first half, when they led 18-10, they lost composure and, with 10 minutes remaining, were hanging on grimly at 18-16.

A penalty and injury-time try by Barnes gave the scoreline a healthier appearance. The stand-off half was a mature influence winning words of praise from the rival coaches. Bainbridge was also singled out for his lineout jumping.

Where do England go for their locks? Dooley has done nothing wrong but Orwin is such an unobtrusively effective player his presence at the scrum made that an area England could dominate.

Behind the scrum, an injury to Martin may simplify the situation. Playing on the left wing he took two high balls without difficulty but twisted an ankle and left the field seven minutes before half-time which brought on Smith for his fourth appearance of the tour. That should have been the signal for England to maintain their expansive approach since they had the speed to beat an Otago back division.

Instead, they attacked the blind side where Otago were allowing strictly limited traffic. Therefore we saw little more of Salmon and Barley, or of Davies as a potent addition to the three-quarters.

However, Barnes is emerging on this tour as the decisive player we know he can be. He is fitter – despite his slightly inelegant nickname of 'Barrel' – and faster and two resounding first-half breaks led directly to tries.

Cooper kicked Otago into the lead with two penalties, for a late tackle and handling at a ruck. New Zealand's elation was limited when Davies completed what Orwin had begun at a lineout, in a game where the lineout was the most important area.

Barnes, who kicked three of four penalty attempts, pushed England into the lead with his first two and though Young scored a breakaway try, Harrison and Hall responded. Then England lost their way. Kenny's slickly taken try restored Otago's interest before England's final fling. Barnes kicked his third penalty and then bolted over on the blind side of a scrum like a rabbit returning to its burrow. This is one rabbit England must keep in their hat and cherish on Saturday, so that he is not flattened by some all-black back row juggernaut.

SCORES: Otago: Tries: Young, Kenny. Conversion: Cooper. Penalties: Cooper (3). England: Tries: Davies, Harrison, Hall, Barnes. Penalties: Barnes (3).

Otago: G Cooper; N Pilcher, M Gibson, J Waldron, R Mika, J Haggart, D Kenny, J Latham, P O'Neill, S Hotton, A Hollander, R Knight, G Macpherson, P Young, M Brewer (capt).

England: H Davies (Wasps); M Harrison (Wakefield), B Barley (Wakefield), J Salmon (Harlequins), C Martin (Bath) (rep S Smith, Wasps), S Barnes (Bath), P Huntsman (Headingley), A Simpson (Sale), A Shepherd (Bristol), J Orwin (Gloucester), S Bainbridge (Fylde), J-P Hall (Bath), G Rees (Nottingham), R Hesford (Bristol, capt).

Referee: G Smith (Hawkes Bay).

GOLF

Palmer closes an Open chapter

By Mitchell Platts

Arnold Palmer, whose presence at the centenary Open in 1960 revived the championship so that it regained its rightful place as the most distinguished golf event in the world, has decided not to compete at Royal St Georges', Sandwich, from July 18 to 21.

Palmer has been far from satisfied with his game this year, and, after taking 83 in the first round of the US Masters in April, he suggested that, unless he could bring his game around, he would be unlikely to play at Royal St George's.

Palmer, who won the PGA championship on the Kent course in 1975, stressed: "I am very fortunate that the spectators, who have followed me over the years, continue to make me want to play. But if I shoot many more 83s, then I am going to have to reconsider that."

The absence of Palmer, now 55, brings to an end a glorious era in the history of the Open. He has played as important role as Harry Vardon, Walter Hagen, Bobby Jones, and Ben Hogan in the development of golf. He transformed the game into a television sport with his go-for-broke style.

Palmer finished runner-up in 1960, at St Andrews, but he vowed that he would return, so encouraging other Americans to compete in the Open, and his victories in 1961 (Royal Birkdale) and 1962 (Troon) helped him to dominate the scene before the arrival of Jack Nicklaus.

Michael Bonallack, secretary of the Royal and Ancient, said: "It is disappointing that Arnold will not be playing this year, and he will undoubtedly be missed, but I spoke with him earlier this year and I fully understand his situation."



Palmer: popular personality

Meanwhile, the Royal and Ancient have announced that Royal Troon will be the venue for the 1989 Open, which provides further confirmation that Carnoustie, where an Open was last staged in 1975, is at present out of favour.

If there is to be a return to Carnoustie, then it will not be until the 1990s as Turnberry (1986), Muirfield (1987) and Royal Lytham and St Annes (1988) have already been announced as the forthcoming Open championship venues.

Royal Troon, however, clearly has a permanent place on the roster of Open championship courses. Arthur Havers won the first Open that was staged there in 1923.

ROWING

Oriel seek another Head title

By Jim Railton

Oriel, going for their eighth successive Head title in the Oxford summer eights, once again face fierce opposition from their immediate pursuers. Many think they are faster than Oriel. The question is whether they are one and a half lengths faster to catch Oriel from behind.

MEN: Division I: (6.30): 1, Oriel; 2, Christ Church; 3, New College; 4, St Edmund Hall; 5, Magdalen; 6, Pembroke; 7, Worcester; 8, University; 9, Keble; 10, Lincoln; 11, Balliol; 12, Wadham. Division II: (6.30): 1, Exeter; 2, Trinity; 3, Oriel II; 4, St John's; 5, Osler House; 6, Jesus; 7, Queen's; 8, Brasenose; 9, Corpus Christi; 10, St Catherine's; 11, Hertford; 12, Merton. Division III: (6.0): 1, Keble II; 2, St Peter's; 3, Wolfson; 4, Christ Church II; 5, University II; 6, Pembroke II; 7, Lincoln II; 8, Mansfield; 9, New College II; 10, St Edmund Hall II; 11, Exeter II; 12, Oriel III. Division IV: (4.0): 1, Lady Margaret Hall; 2 Balliol II; 3, Worcester II; 4, St John's II; 5, Wadham II; 6, Hertford II; 7, Merton II; 8, Brasenose II; 9, Christ Church III; 10, Magdalen II; 11, Jesus II; 12, St Catherine's II. Division V: (3.30): 1, Trinity II; 2, Queen's II; 3, Exeter III; 4, Keble III; 5, Merton II; 6, Balliol III; 7, St Edmund Hall III; 8, University III; 9, St Peter's II; 10 Lincoln III; 11, Pembroke III; 12, Worcester III. Division VI: (2.55): 1, Keble IV; 2, Lincoln III; 3, Osler House II; 4, Christ Church IV; 5, Oriel IV; 6, St Anne's; 7, Corpus Christi II; 8, Lincoln IV; 9 Keble V; 10, University IV; 11, New College III; 12, Queen's III. Division VII: (1.45): 1, Wolfson II; 2, St Peter's III; 3, Lady Margaret Hall II; 4 Brasenose III; 5, Hertford III; 6, Oriel V; 7, St John's III; 8, St Catherine's III; 9, Brasenose IV; 10, Corpus Christi III; 11, New College IV; 12, St Benet's. Division VIII: (1.10): 1, St Catherine's IV; 2, Oriel VI; 3, St Anne's II; 4, Wolfson III; 5, Wadham II; 6 Mansfield II; 7, Osler House III; 8, Wadham IV; 9, Lady Margaret Hall III; 10, St John's IV; 11, St Anne's III; 12, St Edmund Hall IV. Division IX: (12.0): 1, Trinity III; 2, Trinity IV; 3, Regents Park; 4, Lady Margaret Hall IV; 5, New College V; 6, Balliol IV; 7, Queen's IV; 8, Balliol V; 9, New College VI; 10, Hertford IV; 11, Wadham V; 12, Magdalen III; 13, Magdalen IV.

WOMEN: Division I (8.0): 1, St Hugh's; 2, Osler House; 3, Lady Margaret Hall; 4, St Hugh's II; 5, ST Catherine's; 6, St Hilda's; 7, Jesus; 8, Somerville; 9, Worcester; 10, St Anne's; 11, Corpus Christi; 12, Pembroke. Division II (4.30): 1, Wadham; 2, Keble; 3, New College; 4, Brasenose; 5, Wolfson; 6, Lady Margaret Hall II; 7, Linacre; 8, Lincoln; 9, Hertford; 10, Balliol; 11, University; 12, Trinity. Division III (2.10): 1, Christ Church; 2, Somerville II; 3, St Hilda's II; 4, St Edmund Hall; 5, Queen's; 6, St Hugh's II; 7, Brasenose II; 8, St Catherine's II; 9, Jesus II; 10, Trinity II; 11, Mansfield II; 12 Magdalen.

Division IV (12.35): 1, St Hugh's IV; 2, Merton; 3, St Hilda's II; 4, Jesus II; 5, Keble II; 6, St John's; 7, Wolfson II; 8, New College II; 9, St Peter's; 10, St Anne's II; 11, St Hilda's IV; 12 Lincoln II. Division V (11.25): 1, Hertford II; 2, St Edmund Hall II; 3, St Hugh's V; 4, Balliol II; 5, Exeter; 6, Wadham II; 7, Worcester II; 8, Regents Park; 9, University II; 10, Brasenose II; 11, Christ Church II; 12, St Catherine's II; 13, Lincoln II.

ATHLETICS

Lewis aims high in hurdles again

From Pat Butcher
Houston

Carl Lewis, the quadruple Olympic sprint and long jump gold medal winner, said yesterday that after opening a short European tour on July 13 at the AAA championships at Crystal Palace, probably in the long jump, he is aiming to run the 110 metres hurdles at the Mobil Grand Prix meeting in Nice on July 16. It would be his first high hurdles race for eight years.

During an interview here, Lewis gave as one of his reasons for attempting the hurdles the fact that he is "getting bored with the 100 metres. I've been doing it a long time.

"If I feel good in the next couple of weeks up to the TAC (American) championships, I'm really going to work on the hurdles, and I am shooting to try it in Nice. I've run it before in high school, when I was 16. I ran 14.1sec, and then stopped after that race.

"I have trained up to eight hurdles (of 10). The problem is I've got so much bigger and so much stronger that those hurdles are so close nowadays. Boy, when I was younger I really had to stretch. Now they're so close the problem is standing back from them."

Lewis would only be tempted as far as saying that he thought he could break 14 sec, but of course a man of his capabilities, who you can be sure will have mastered the hurdling technique before he gets on to the starting line, will be closer to 13.

The slight hamstring pull that Lewis incurred in the long jump at UCLA 10 days ago has healed, and he has resumed full training, with a view to running his first race in the Coliseum, the Olympic stadium in Los Angeles, since his triumph there last year.

Lewis feels that he can come close to the world 200 metres record of 19.71 sec there on June 8, in a meeting which is being described as a "save the Coliseum track meet." There are plans to tear up the track surface, which was laid two years ago for the Olympics, so that more seats than the 90,000 already available can be installed for American football games.

After Nice, Lewis is due to return to England for the Peugeot Talbot Games at Crystal Palace on July 19, and then go to Scotland for the Edinburgh Games on July 23. He also said that plans for him to go to the independent meeting in Rieti on September 4, and the Mobil Grand Prix final in Rome on September 7, have been completed. "I'll probably run a 100 metres in Rieti as a warm-up for doing the triple in Rome – the 100 metres, 200 metres and long jump. That'll be the only time I try it this season."



Lewis: bored with 100m

German world champions in comeback

Aachen, West Germany (Reuter) – West Germany's two world champions, Willi Wülbeck and Patriz Ilg, plan to make their comebacks at an international meeting here today. Wülbeck, who won the 800 metres at the inaugural world championships in Helsinki two years ago, and Ilg, who took to 3,000 metres steeplechase title, were hampered by injury and illness last season and missed the Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

● Ed Moses, the 400 metres hurdles world record holder, will make his first appearance in Northern Ireland at the Ulster Games on June 24. The American is unbeaten since 1976, winning 109 races in succession.

Ringland stays as Ireland ring changes

Nagoya (Reuter) – Ireland go into today's tour match against Kansai with only four regular internationals. Coach Michael Doyle said the four would include wing Trevor Ringland, who scored three tries in the first international against Japan in Osaka last Sunday, and centre Brendan Mullin. Ralph Keyes, aged 23, replaces Paul Dean at stand-off half and in centre Philip Rainey, wing Moss Finn and centre John Hewitt.

Ireland have also reshuffled their pack where lock William Anderson and flanker Nigel Carr, who missed the international through injury, are the only regulars named.

PROBABLE TEAM: P Rainey; T Ringland, J Hewitt, B Mullin, M Finn; R Keyes, R Brady; M Fitzpatrick, H Harbison, A Kennedy, P Kenny, W Anderson, B McCall, N Carr, P Collins.

OLYMPIC GAMES

Russians accept Seoul

Moscow (Reuter) – Some Soviet sports officials said yesterday that they had been given the go-ahead to send their best teams to any world-class events in South Korea and would definitely be attending the 1988 Seoul Olympic Games. However, the Soviet Olympic Committee has yet to make a decision.

Archery, handball, boxing and judo federations all confirmed they planned to attend world championships in these events being held this year in South Korea.

Other officials said privately that a decision was taken "at the highest level"

But the Soviet Olympic Committee Secretary, Viktor Khotochkin, said the committee would abide by rules giving Moscow nearly three years to decide.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

European Cup: Final
Liverpool v Juventus (Brussels) 7.15)

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance County Championship (11.00 to 6.30)
Basingstoke: Hampshire v Derbyshire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Warwickshire
Trent Bridge: Nottingham v Leicestershire
The Oval: Surrey v Middlesex
Hove: Sussex v Glamorgan
Headingley: Yorkshire v Somerset

Other match (11.30 to 6.30
Oxford: Oxford University v Kent
SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Westcliff: Essex v Northamptonshire. Bournemouth: Hampshire v Surrey. Canterbury: Kent v Lancashire. Leicester: Leicestershire v Nottinghamshire. Lansbury Club: Middlesex v Sussex. Taunton: Somerset v Warwickshire. Worcester: Worcestershire v Glamorgan.
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Netherfield: Kendal: Cumberland v Bedfordshire. Hartlepool: Durham v Hertfordshire.

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: WPGA Guernsey Open Lagonda Trophy (Camberley Heath).
CYCLING: Milk Race
POLO: Arenta Trophy (Windsor)
Rowing: Oxford Eights
SPEEDWAY: National League: Long Eaton v Peterborough (7.30); Wimbledon v Milton Keynes (7.45)
ATHLETICS: Copthall Open graded meeting (6.45)
United Hospitals championships (Motspur Park).

IN BRIEF

England lose full-time services of Dew

The England badminton international Martin Dew, is to emigrate to Denmark in August. Dew, is to work for a company in Glostrup near Copenhagen.

He has made 81 appearances for England and the left-handed doubles expert is one of the best hopes for a medal in the world championships which begin in Calgary, Canada, on June 10. Dew and Gillian Gilks will be top seeds in the mixed doubles event.

Dew will concentrate mainly on the big prize money events abroad but has not ruled out the possibility of returning to England for international tournaments.

He said: "Now that I have finished as a student I feel I need to concentrate more on my career. Badminton brings me in approximately £10,000 a year but my job means a lot more. In three years I would have been easing out of badminton anyway."

MOTOR RALLYING: The world championship leader Timo Salonen in a Peugeot 205 consolidated his overnight lead by winning four of the morning's five special stages in the Acropolis rally yesterday.

The Finn led last year's winner Stig Blomqvist, of Sweden, who won the fifth stage in his Audi Quattro. The organisers issue only unofficial standings at the end of the day's racing. The 80 survivors of the 110-strong entry will cover 757 km from Kalambaka back to Athens.

FOOTBALL: The Central Soccer Association called off all remaining games in Chile's main professional league after banks seized gate receipts to get back $15 million in overdue debts from club owners.

ROAD WALKING: Sheffield's 59th star walk was won yesterday by Tony Wright aged 21, who finished the 12 mile course in 1 hour, 2 minutes, 40 seconds. Wright, of Archer Road, Millhouses, Sheffield, took an early lead and stayed in front of the 662 field throughout.

The women's race was won by 29-year-old Christine Jackson of Buttermere Road, Sheffield, with a time of 1 hour 26 minutes, 31 seconds.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: American League: Boston Red Sox 9, Minnesota Twins 2; Cleveland Indians 8, Milwaukee Brewers 0; Baltimore Orioles 5, California Angels 4; Seattle Mariners 5, Detroit Tigers 2; Kansas City Royals 4, Texas Rangers 2; Oakland Athletics 2, New York Yankees 1. National League: Philadelphia Phillies 10, San Diego Padres 9; New York Mets 8, Los Angeles Dodgers 1; San Francisco Giants 6, Montreal Expos 1; Chicago Cubs 4, Cincinnati Reds 3; Houston Astros 4, Pittsburgh Pirates 2.
Southern England Association: Final division: Rochester City Dodgers 3, Croydon Blue Jays 33; Sutton Braves 10, Cobham Yankees 3. Second division: Ashford Condors 10, Ashford Marlins 17; Enfield Spartans 5, Golders Green Sox 11; Orchott Orioles 16, Brighton Jets 28. Third division: City Slick Sidewinders 3, Southampton Shooters 22; Waltham Abbey Arrows 19, Burgess Hill Red Hats 4.

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): Play-off: Boston Celtics 148, Los Angeles Lakers 114 (Boston lead best-of-seven series, 1-0).

YACHTING

COWES: Champagne Mumm 1/4 Southern Championship: Overall results: 1, Lucky (A Friend, B Hodge); 2, Jacko (M Lawler); 3, Just Enuff (V Roberts, R Arnold); 4, Sangola III (E Warwick); 5, Jumping Jack (G Knight); 6, Popinocota IV (C & W Brogden).

ROAD RUNNING

FAVERSHAM (15 kilometres): 1, M Gratton (Invicta), 46min. Women: S Rowell (Dartford), 51min 11sec.

HOCKEY

EUROPEAN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: B Division (at Banbridge, Northern Ireland): Final: Banbridge 3, Amsicora (Italy) 3. (Banbridge won 15-11 on penalty strokes. Final placings: 1, Banbridge; 2, Amsicora; 3, Ramaldense (Portugal); 4, Alpenlocher (Austria); 5, Grammarians (Gibraltar); 6, Olten (Switz); 7, Espo (Fin). A Division (at Frankenthal, WG): Women: Final placings: 1, HGC (The Hague); 2, Stiff (USSR); 3, Amsterdam; 4, Hanauer (WG); 5, Pegasus (Belfast); 6, Glasgow Western; 7, Sheffield; 8, Royal Uccle (Belgium). A Division (Men): Final placings: 1, Atletico Terrasa (Sp); 2, Klein Zwitserland (Neth); 3, Dynamo Alma Ata (USSR); 4, Frankenthal (WG); 5, Royal Uccle (Belg); 6, Limburg (WG); 7, Subotticanka (Yugo); 8, Lille (Fr).

BOWLS

PADDINGTON: Westminster Invitation Championships: Quarter-finals: T Sullivan (Wales) beat M Hughes (Eng), 21-18; N Smith (Eng) beat G Smyth (Eng), 21-17; P Line (Eng) beat A Thomson (Eng), 21-20; J Baker (Ire) beat R Evans (Wales), 21-15. Semi-finals: Baker beat Smith, 21-18; Sullivan beat Line, 21-18. Final: Baker beat Sullivan, 21-20.

VOLLEYBALL

PEKING: Women's tournament: Cuba beat Japan, 15-8, 15-12, 15-10; China beat Soviet Union, 15-10, 15-12, 15-4.

SHOOTING

BISLEY: English 20 club open meeting: Grand aggregate: 1, P Drew (Bucks) 485/15; 2, D F P Richards (Bucks) 466/10; 3, K O Pugh (Northumberland) 466/7. Bleasby aggregate: 600 and 1,000 yards: 1, Mrs C Painting 147/10; 2, W Barker (Northants) 145/6; 3, J D Warburton 146/4. National Pistol Association meeting: Standard Pistol: D A Levene 585. Centre Fire: Levene 584. Centre Fire Precision: Levene 292. Women's match: Mrs C Page 584. Rapid Fire: B E Girling 588. Standard Handgun: R Northover 567. Free pistol: F Wyatt 541. Air Pistol (Senior): 1, P H Leatherdale 573; 2, R McLester 572; 3, I F Reid 568. Air Pistol (Women and Juniors): 1, C Page 371; 2, M Thomas 368; 3, A Macdonald 365.
JERSEY NRA CHANNEL ISLANDS TOUR: 1, Jersey 1,158 (S le Cheminant 147); 2, NRA 1, 1,153 (J Hayward 147). Individual aggregates: 1, V C Carpenter (Devon) 176; 2, K Chart (Devon) 167; 3, N Bell (Fin) 164.

POLO

CICERO CUP: Quarter-finals: Cowdray Park 11, Rotherfield 6; Maidenagrove 6½, Tramontana 6; Brent Walker 10, Stromans 3.
BARRETT CUP: Semi-finals: Mill Farm 7, Brent Walker 1; Frasers 4, Rowleys 1.

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FOOTBALL: LIVERPOOL MAY PROFIT FROM ITALIANS' RELUCTANCE TO GAMBLE

Temperament will decide final

From David Miller
Brussels

We are due an exciting European Cup final worthy of the name. There has not really been one, during an eight-year period of British domination, since Liverpool won their first of four against Borussia Mönchengladbach in Rome in 1977. When they beat Real Madrid in Paris four years ago, Bob Paisley Liverpool's former manager, reflected afterwards in his phlegmatic way that the best match he had seen that season was a 12-year olds' final at Anfield. Perhaps we should take one man off the field, he observed, and make it 10-a-side so as to create some space. If Liverpool have won the admiration as well as the respect, of Europe they have tended not to be seen at their best in the final.

There will not be much space in the Olympic Stadium here tonight, I fear, not if Juventus can help it, attempting to prevent Liverpool's fifth victory and to achieve their own first. The irony of the encounter is that were the Italians to go out from the start and throw all they have at Liverpool, their superior man-for-man technique might give them an exhilarating victory.

But Italians do not gamble in football; and their innate respect for Liverpool's reputation, somewhat overpitched in relation to the relatively modest season Liverpol have had, is such that they approach at least the first half with their customary belt-and-braces caution. As my colleague, Brian Glanville, has remarked, it is a match will be determined as much as anything by Juventus's mental attitude.

Liverpool, over the years, have established a commendable team maturity in not being overawed by their opponents' star players. So they will be less in awe this evening of Platini, or of Boniek or Rossi, than the Italians will be of Rush. It is on Juventus's doubts, rather than any technical weakness, that Liverpool must concentrate.

Against Bordeaux in the semi-final, second leg Juventus almost squandered a three-goal lead from Turin: they accepted the principle that the French would attack and that they could adequately defend. They were only saved from extra time by Bodini's exceptional save from Tigana moments from the final whistle. Had they themselves been more adventurous in the first half, as they were for half an hour in the second, they would probably have scored a double-value away goal.

Juventus	Liverpool
S Tacconi	B Grobbelaar
L Favero	P Neal
S Brio	M Lawrenson
G Scirea	A Hansen
A Cabrini	J Beglin
M Tardelli	S Nicol
M Bonini	J Wark
M Platini	K Dalglish
Z Boniek	R Whelan
M Briaschi	P Walsh
P Rossi	I Rush

Referee: A Daina (Switzerland).

On a neutral ground Juventus are unlikely to give full reign to Briaschi's pace on the right or Boniek's on the left. The play will tend to be too much behind Platini for him to exploit his extraordinary judgement of pace and angle when sensing space for colleagues or when drawing defenders onto him. In the middle third of the field, Liverpool will not be unduly worried if he has the ball and it will be intresting to see whether their manager, Joe Fagan, has detailed either Nicol or Lawrenson to close-mark him.

It is fortunate that Monday's scare over Walsh having a stomach strain has proved exaggerated, for yesterday Fagan was able to name the side which on this season's evidence is the best combination of the front six: Nicol, Wark, Dalglish and Whelan in midfield, Rush and Walsh in attack. If Juventus are worried about Rush, they will ignore Walsh at their peril. He has developed rapidly, is bewilderingly quick on the turn, and could pull Brio and the sweeper Scirea out of position.

The attacking potential of Wark and Dalglish coming from midfield behind Rush and Walsh is sufficient to make Liverpool firm favourites among Italian critics. The surprise of Fagan's announcement yesterday was that he prefers Beglin at left back to the experienced Kennedy, now fit, who played in the previous two finals.

Platini has observed that the match will be decided by a matter of inches here or there, but as in so much of contemporary football, the midfield battle is likely to be crucial.

Part of Liverpool's success over the years has come from the strength of their midfield which has kept pressure off the back four. With Souness's departure, this factor has weakened, expecially with Dalglish's legs beginning to go, and with Wark defensively unobservant. If Trappatoni, Juventus's manager, has done his homework, he would want Boniek and the left back Cabrini to put pressure on the ageing Neal.

What Juventus have good reason to fear is Liverpool's ability to get more from their players than might be expected. Lawrenson, Dalglish and Rush may be the famous names, but the likes of Wark, Nichol and Whelan are as capable as any of winning this match. Both sides have scored three goals or more in one leg of every round, and each have six goal scorers in the Cup. Wark is an enigma: at no stage so far in his Anfield career has he looked a typical Liverpool player, but he keeps putting the ball away, which is a habit acceptable enough to outweigh all others.

My feeling is that Juventus are potentially good enough to win by a two-goal margin but that, barring some renaissance by Rossi, they will fail; however, it will probably be necessary for Liverpool to score twice to win, and Wark and Whelan may be the men to do it.

● Brussels is preparing for, the arrival of Liverpool's supporters. Fourteen thousand, are expected to travel to the Belgian capital for tonight's match but Belgian police fear that many of them will travel without a ticket. There have been reports of hundreds of forged tickets on offer in the centre of Brussels but police have urged supporters not to be tempted. A huge security operation has been mounted to prevent the violence which occured when Tottenham played in Brussels last year.



Walsh (left), rapid developer, and Rossi, prolific scorer

Paths to Brussels

Liverpool (home leg first):
First round: Lech Poznan 4–0, 1–0 (aggregate 5–0).
Second round: Benfica 3–1, 0–1 (3–2).
Quarter-finals: Austria Vienna 4–1, 1–1 (5–2).
Semi-finals: Panathinaikos 4–0, 1–0 (5–0).

Juventus:
First round: Ilves 4–0, 2–1 (6–1).
Second round: Grasshopper 2–0, 4–2 (6–2).
Quarter-finals: Sparta Prague 3–0, 0–1 (3–1).
Semi-finals: Bordeaux 3–0, 0–2 (3–2).

Bett's late winner improves Scotland's World Cup hopes

From Clive White,
Reykjavik

Iceland	0
Scotland	1

Jim Bett sneaked a late winning goal for Scotland last night to boost their chances of qualifying for the finals of the World Cup in Mexico next year.

The friendly relations which had existed between the two countries since the Scots invaded this warm-hearted little country in the northern hemisphere at the weekend, reached their lowest ebb since the cod war in this small sporting corner of the capital. In the 23rd minute, with Scotland slowly asserting their authority, Souness went in late and fiercely on Siggi Jonsson, Sheffield Wednesday's recent young signing from these parts, and he had to be carried from the field on a stretcher.

An apologetic Souness received only a reprimand immediately after the foul but when the Russian referee, Anatoly Milchenko, saw the extent of the damage he appeared to book the Scottish captain a full three minutes later, and he will now miss the decisive game in this group against Wales in September.

The crowd, not to mention a few Icelandic players – some even before the incident – from then on gave Souness a harrowing time. A generous rendition of Scotland the Brave by an Icelandic singing group suddenly turned a trifle sour.

It seemed that Iceland had reaped some sort of justice in the 34th minute, when Aitken brought down Petursson, the lively Feyenoord forward, and the referee awarded a penalty. But Leighton, diving to his left, pushed Thordarsson's shot wide.

The best chances in the first half for Scotland fell to the Everton pair, Gray, fit enought to make an international comeback, and Sharp, making his debut. Gray, who was substituted in the 73rd minute, sidefooted a shot from close range which the goalkeeper blocked with his legs, and Sharp dug out a useful shot from under his feet.

Then, in the 57th minute, Souness, much to the crowd's annoyance, clipped over a fine cross which the goalkeeper missed badly and Bett turned in a volley which rebounded off the crossbar.

The Icelanders, who left only Petursson in an advanced position, remained more than a lurking threat

Three efforts in five minutes around the hour merely served to underline the facts: Edvaldsson had a header kicked off the line by Malpas, then Leighton, banishing another unkind view of Scottish goalkeepers, pushed over a blistering shot by Gudlaugsson, and made a smothering save at the feet of a more hesitant Edvaldsson.

ICELAND: E Gudmundsson (Halmstad); T Thrainsson (Valur), Sigd Jonsson (Sheffield Wednesday), M Berge (Bruntswick), P Petursson (Feyenoord), Saevar Jonsson (Valur), J Gudlaugsson (Fortuna Cologne), A Edvaldsson (Fortuna Dusseldorf), T Thordarsson (Yverdon), G Thorbjornsson (Valur), A Sveinsson (Akranes).

SCOTLAND: J Leighton (Aberdeen); R Gough (Dundee United), M Malpas (Dundee United), R Aitken (Celtic), A McLeish (Aberdeen), W Miller (Aberdeen), G Strachan (Manchester United), G Souness (Sampdoria), A Gray (Everton), G Sharp (Everton). J Bett (Lokeren).
Referee: A Milchenko (Soviet Union).



Withe: wanted

Forest sign two for £450,000

Coventry's young defenders, Ian Butterworth and Stuart Pearce, have signed for Nottingham Forest at a combined fee in the region of £450,000. The two players helped Coventry avoid relegation by beating the Canon League champions Everton on Sunday.

Butterworth, aged 20, is an England under-21 international. Pearce, aged 23, was signed from non-league Wealdstone 18 months' ago. He has played 54 first-team games for Coventry.

● Portsmouth have completed the transfer of Nottingham Forest's 33-year-old full back, Ken Swain. The Portsmouth manager, Alan Ball, will meet his Forest counterpart, Brian Clough, later this week to decide a fee for Swain and for Neil Webb, the Portsmouth midfield player who signed for Forest last week.

● Aston Villa's former England forward, Peter Withe, is wanted by West Bromwich Albion. The Albion manager, Johnny Giles, confirmed yesterday that he has had talks with the 33-year-old centre forward who has turned down the offer of a renewed contract at Villa Park.

Irish plea on Porto decision

The Republic of Ireland are to ask UEFA to overrule a club decision by FC Oporto and make Mick Walsh available for next Sunday's World Cup qualifying game against Switzerland at Lansdowne Road, Dublin.

Porto have already won the Portuguese first division championship, but Walsh has been ordered to remain behind for their final game, against Portinao, next weekend. Walsh is one of seven players added to the Irish squad following last Sunday's scoreless match against Spain in Cork.

SQUAD: Bonner (Celtic), McDonagh (Gillingham), Langan (Oxford), Hughton (Tottenham), O'Regan (Brighton), O'Leary (Arsenal), McCarthy (Manchester City), Moran (Manchester United), McGrath (Manchester United), Sagiio (Liverpool), Lawrenson (Liverpool), Brady (Inter Milan), Stapleton (Everton), Daly (Birmingham), Whelan (QPR), Whelan (Liverpool), Byrne (Shamrock), Grealish (West Bromwich), Walsh (Porto), Robinson (QPR), Stapleton (Manchester United), Campbell (Seskander), Galvin (Tottenham).

● The England team left London yesterday for their three-week tour to Mexico, which was described, by their manager, Bobby Robson, as a "vital dummy run" for next year's World Cup. They will play four matches against the world champions, Italy, Mexico, West Germany and the United States.

Robson said: "We are going a little bit into the unknown, where we're playing football at 7,500ft and where it's going to be very hot. We're facing very good teams.

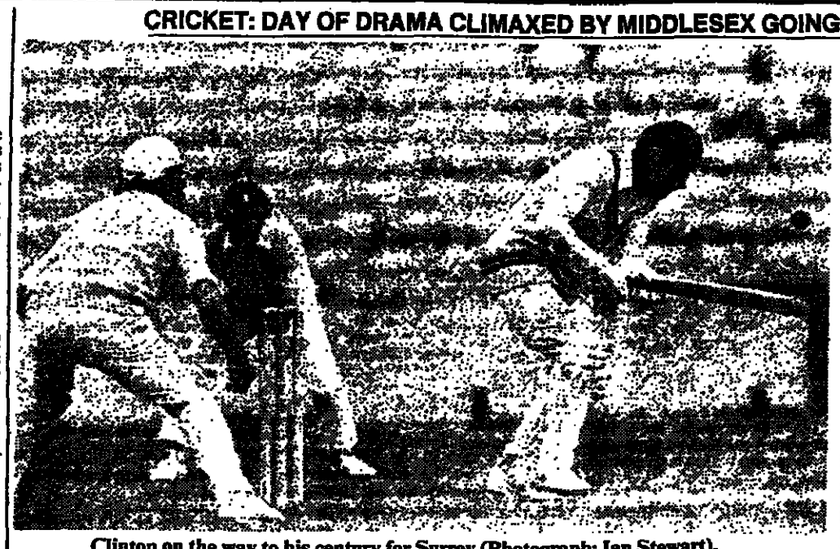
"We're going to see what we can do in that sort of atmosphere. We only have eight days of preparation and the chances are we are not going to be able to play our typical, strenuous, hard-running game. We might have to play in short bursts and play a lot of possession football.

Robson said there were no last-minute withdrawals from the squad and that he had no injury problems.

● Italy warm up for the tournament with a match against a club side, Puebla, today.

Although the Italians will have their stamina tested by the altitude – Puebla's Cuauhtemoc stadium venue is 2,300 metres above sea level – they should not be extended

CRICKET: DAY OF DRAMA CLIMAXED BY MIDDLESEX GOING TO THE TOP



Clinton on the way to his century for Surrey (Photograph: Ian Stewart).

Everything happens for Jesty

By Ivo Tennant

Trevor Jesty, who, it will be remembered, left Hampshire last winter foaming at the mouth at having been passed over for the captaincy, had a day to end all cricketing days yesterday. His century effectively secured victory for his new county, Surrey; he was awarded his county cap as he left the field; and then he learned that after a handful of matches he has been appointed acting captain in Howarth's absence.

Thus startling allegations of Jesty having been victimized by Hampshire owing to having just two initials recede into the lesser annals of cricket history. Micky Stewart, Surrey's manager, said: "He has a wealth of experience as a player and has made considerable contribution in the two months he has been at the Oval." To cap it all, Jesty is 37 on Sunday.

Surrey, partly of their own making, have got into something of a tangle over the captaincy. Howarth is the club captain yet cannot get into the side because of Stewart's preference to play Gray, another overseas player, in the absence of Clarke.

Howarth, captain of New Zealand, has taken it remarkably well: he will know this morning if he will play against Middlesex, in which case he will lead Surrey. It would all have been much simpler had Stewart plumped for a home-grown replacement for Clarke, who through injury will not play this season. Pocock, who with Fletcher fashioned a fine finish to Surrey's rain-affected match with Essex, is happy to stand down as acting captain. Pocock closed Surrey's first innings at their Saturday score of 10 for no wicket and Fletcher forfeited the Essex second innings, leaving Surrey to go for 327 in a minimum of 105 overs.

They made the runs in fine style. Clinton, dropped in the opening overs, provided the sheet anchor in his inimitable way and ended up making a century. He is never the prettiest batsman to watch – they call him the pocket calculator – but he is the perfect foil for the Jestys of this game. Jesty made a handsome unbeaten 112 in 166 minutes, with a six and 11 fours.

At Southampton, Hampshire gained a dramatic victory off the last ball of the match with Glamorgan. Tremlett, helped by a misfield, scored two runs to take them to their target of 259 in 43 overs.

Greenidge and Chris Smith put on 166 for the third wicket in 27 overs. Smith was out four short of his hundred.

Middlesex attack undermines Sussex

By Marcus Williams

LORD'S: Middlesex (24pts) beat Sussex (2) by an innings and 27 runs.

Middlesex moved to the top of the championship with a resounding victory soon after tea yesterday in a match they had dominated ever since Sussex's startling collapse on the first morning.

They were held up initially by Mendis and Green, whose opening partnership of 54 had promised better things: but the all-round strength of the Middlesex attack, led by the pace of Cowans (nine for 62 in the match) and the craft of Emburey and Edmonds, and bolstered by a brilliant piece of fielding from Butcher, worked its way through an out-of-form batting side

Gatting's overnight declaration left Sussex to score 207 to make Middlesex bat again and for the first hour Mendis and Green batted without much difficulty. Mendis, not afraid to hook, coped well with the quick bowlers, but in Edmonds's second over of left-arm spin he was caught at short leg. In the next over, from Daniel, who fired away menacingly in a long spell from the Pavilion end, Parker lost his off stump playing half back

Green grew more confident, twice square cutting Danial for four when he tired, and Alan Wells used his feet to the spinners, who were in harness from the twenty-third over. Green could count himself unfortunate in his dismissal, for he came down the pitch to Edmonds and hit the ball firmly to short mid-off, where Butcher, with a lightning reaction and throw, hurled down the wicket, with the bemused batsman unable to regain his ground.

Gatting reverted to his fast bowlers after lunch, when Sussex were 99 for three, and Cowans responded with three wickets in 19 balls to knock the heart out of the innings. Alan Wells and Imran were leg-before to balls that nipped off the seam an Greig, after two solid drives to the boundary, got tucked up and hooked a bouncer straight down fine leg's throat.

Colin Wells, who reached double figures for the first time in a championship match this season, heaved Emburey for six on to the Grand Stand balcony as the partnership with Gould took root, but when the off spinner changed ends, shortly before tea, he bowled Gould and Reeve with successive balls. Cowans and Daniel were recalled afterwards to mop up. Daniel's uprooting of Wells's off stump symbolising the comprehensiveness of the Middlesex win.

SUSSEX: First Innings 132 (N G Cowans 5 for 44).

Second Innings

G D Mendis c Slack b Edmonds	33
A M Green run out	38
P W G Parker b Daniel	1
A P Wells lb-w b Cowans	16
C M Wells b Daniel	42
Imran Khan lb-w b Cowans	1
I A Greig c Daniel b Cowans	11
†I J Gould b Emburey	17
D A Reeve b Emburey	0
C E Waller b Cowans	0
A N Jones not out	3
Extras (lb 8, w 1, n-b 11)	18
Total	180

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–54, 2–55, 3–83, 4–107, 5–110, 6–126, 7–169, 8–168, 9–171, 10–180.

BOWLING: Daniel 18–5–72–2; Cowans 10–4–18–4; Williams 11–0–38–0; Edmonds 15–3–28–1; Emburey 15–8–18–2.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 339 for 6 dec (P R Downton 85 not out, R O Butcher 70; Bowling: Imran 19–3–57–1; Jones 11–1–55–1– Greig 18–2–60–0; Reeve 17–5–54–1; Waller 8–1–24–0; C M Wells 24–5–54–3).

Umpires: J Birkenshew and K E Palmer.

OFFICIAL CORRECTION: Middlesex v Sussex, Lord's May 28: N F Williams 2–0–25–1; extras b 1, l-b 1, n-b 2; not as published.

Wessels in form but Bennett drops out

By Richard Streeton

Derby: The Australians beat Derbyshire by six wickets

The reliable Kepler Wessels made certain the Australians were successful yesterday in this one-day match which was arranged after their four-day game was disrupted by rain. The Australians, needing 189, won with 14 balls to spare before leaving for Manchester and the start of the Texaco Trophy series.

Derbyshire took an early wicket when Phillips played on but Wood, who lacks a big score on this tour, batted carefully for 32 overs. Wessels, in contrast, has hardly failed and oozed confidence. both men were caught at mid-wicket. Near the end Boon was brilliantly stumped before Matthews made the winning hit, with a six against Barnett.

The only setback for the Australians, on a day of warm sunshine, occurred in Derbyshire's indoor school before the start. Bennett, their slow left arm spinner slipped as he bowled his first practice ball and badly sprained his left ankle.

Bennett, who finished the day on crutches, was already pencilled in to play against England tomorrow. He is now unlikely to be fit and he could also miss the second international at Edgbaston on Saturday.

There was another fright for the touring team when McDermott, the young fast bowler, went off clutching a shoulder

The Australians were so anxious for a full 55 over match that they agreed to a prompt start even though the field was saturated from overnight rain and the umpires were willing to wait.

Wright, the New Zealand Test player. was the first Derbyshire batsman to improve the run rate after the innings began in torpid fashion. Barnett, who at 31 might have been caught at slip, needed 42 overs for his 54. The Derbyshire total, though. would have been meagre without these two.

Lawson, who did not bolw until the field had dried, dismissed both men with balls which swung late. Miller, Finney, Marher and Moir all contributed to a closing assault in which Border bowled.

DERBYSHIRE

*K J Barnett b Lawson	54
A Hill c Phillips b McDermott	2
J E Morris c Phillips b Gilbert	6
B Roberts b Gilbert	1
J G Wright lbw b Lawson	42
W P Fowler b Matthews	0
G Miller b Border	23
R J Finney b Border	15
†D J M Maher not out	18
D G Moir c Wessels b Gilbert	9
P G Newman not out	1
Extras (l-b 4, w 1, n-b 12)	17
Total (9 wkts, 55 overs)	188

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–9, 2–31, 3–33, 4–105, 5–110, 6–119, 7–149, 8–176, 9–186.

BOWLING: McDermott 10–3–22–1; Gilbert 11–1–47–3; O'Donnell 11–1–34–0; Matthews 11–2–20–1; Lawson 7–0–34–2; Border 5–0–27–2.

AUSTRALIA

†W B Phillips b Newman	15
G M Wood c Morris b Moir	41
K C Wessels c Fowler b Finney	64
D C Boon st Maher b Finney	34
G R J Matthews not out	21
S P O'Donnell not out	0
Extras (l-b 8, w 4, n-b 5)	17
Total (4 wkts, 52.4 overs)	192

A M J Hilditch, G F Lawson, *A R Border, C J McDermott and D R Gilbert did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–28, 2–86, 3–163, 4–184.

BOWLING: Finney 11–2–38–2; Newman 11–2–38–1; Miller 11–4–12–0; Moir 11–1–40–1; Hill 3–0–17–0; Roberts 3–0–22–0; Fowler 2–0–10–0; Barnett 0.4–0–8–0.

Umpires: H D Bird and B J Meyer.

No play yesterday

BRISTOL: Somerset 211 for 9 (Bowling: Lawrence 22–3–76–3; Walsh 15–3–38–0; Curran 10–1–36–2, Bainbridge 9–2–30–1; Gravesney 11–3–22–3, Lloyd 3–1–4–0) v Gloucestershire. Gloucestershire (4pts) drew with Somerset (2).

LEICESTER: Leicestershire 304 for 5 (J G Balderstone 83, J J Whitaker 79, D I Gower 52; Bowling: Mallender 17–2–45–1; Capel 20–3–67–0; Harper 44–13–103–4; Wheeler 14–3–30–0; Larkins 9–8–11–0; Williams 16–5–34–0) v Northamptonshire. Leicestershire (3pts) drew with Northamptonshire (1).

A candle but no match

By Alan Gibson

BRISTOL: Gloucestershire (4pts) drew with Somerset (2).

It was a disappointing day, with no play. It was my birthday, and the sun was shining from a blue sky decorating the light, white clouds, when I woke up. The prospects of watching two of my favourite counties playing at Bristol lifted my heart, even though a result to the match, after a day and a third lost to the weather, seemed improbable without fiddling.

The pitch and square and outfield were so wet, after the sobbing, sogging weekend's rain, that play could not begin on time, and, as it proved, never began at all. The match was abandoned before 2 o'clock. I am inclined to think that this was a proper decision

I must tell you, however, in consolation, that I had an unexpected birthday present. I was given a small pink cake with a lighted candle. It was one of those joke candles which re-lights as soon as they are blown out, and when you actually extinguish it, you're age is known according to the number of blows. I did it in a perspiring 11, but I am afraid I am older than that.

Championship table

	P	W	L	D	Bat	Bwl	Pts
Middlesex(3)	5	2	1	2	14	18	64
Surrey(8)	5	2	2	1	16	15	63
Hampshire(15)	4	2	0	2	11	14	57
Glamorgan(13)	5	2	1	2	11	13	56
Warwickshire(9)	4	1	1	2	13	15	44
Lancashire(16)	5	1	1	3	11	16	43
Gloucester(17)	4	1	1	2	7	16	39
Yorkshire(14)	4	1	0	3	10	8	34
Essex(1)	4	1	0	3	9	9	33
Notts (2)	3	1	0	2	8	7	32
Northants(11)	4	1	0	3	7	7	30
Kent(5)	4	0	0	4	10	12	22
Somerset(7)	4	0	3	1	11	10	21
Worcester (10)	3	0	2	1	7	11	18
Leicester(4)	4	0	0	4	9	7	16
Derbyshire(11)	3	0	1	2	4	7	11
Sussex(6)	3	0	1	2	0	7	7

1981 positions in brackets

Hants v Glamorgan

AT SOUTHAMPTON

Hampshire (20pts) beat Glamorgan (5) by 3 wickets.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 197 (R C Ontong 90 not out; M D Marshall 4 for 57).

Second Innings

G C Holmes c R A Smith b Tremlett	34
J Derrick l-b-w b Marshall	0
†T Davis b James	31
Javed Miandad c Parks b Tremlett	42
J A Hopkins l-b-w b Tremlett	10
S P Henderson c Parks b James	9
J G Thomas c Greenidge b R A Smith	17
*R C Ontong not out	15
J F Steele run out	1
S R Barwick not out	1
Extras (b 8, l-b 3, n-b 7)	18
Total (8 wkts dec)	176

S J Malone did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–1, 2–59, 3–120, 4–120, W–135, 6–139, 7–168, 8–170.

BOWLING: Marshall 12–3–33–1; Connor 12–4–18–0; Tremlett 18–2–53–3; James 11–2–45–2; Cowley 2–2–0–0; C L Smith 5–1–6–0; R A Smith 4–0–12–0.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 115 (S J Malone 5 for 38).

Second Innings

C G Greenidge run out	55
V P Terry l-b-w b Thomas	0
*M C J Nicholas c Henderson b Thomas	4
C L Smith b Thomas	96
R A Smith c Steele b Ontong	35
M D Marshall st Davies b Ontong	18
N D James run out	4
N G Cowley not out	9
T M Tremlett not out	10
Extras (b 5, l-b 6, n-b 7)	18
Total (7 wkts)	259

†R J Parks and C A Connor did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–1, 2–13, 3–179, 4–182, 5–222, 6–236, 7–241.

BOWLING: Thomas 17–0–98–3; Malone 5–0–26–0; Barwick 7–2–25–0; Derrick 3–0–20–0; Holmes 2–1–6–0; Steele 2–0–24–0; Ontong 7–0–51–2.

Umpires: R Palmer and A G T Whitehead.

Surrey v Essex

AT THE OVAL

Surrey (18pts) beat Essex (4) by 7 wickets.

ESSEX: First Innings 338 for 6 dec (D R Pringle 121 not out, D E East 69, G A Gooch 57, †P R Hardie 54) and second innings forfeited.

SURREY: First Innings 10 for 0 dec (Bowling: Lever 4–2–3–0; Foster 4–2–6–0).

Second Innings

A R Butcher c Fletcher b Lever	25
G S Clinton c Hardie b Childs	102
A J Stewart c East b Pringle	43
T E Jesty not out	112
M A Lynch not out	31
Extras (b 1, l-b 6, w 2, n-b1)	10
Total (3 wkts)	327

A Needham, †C G Richards, D J Thomas, A H Gray, G Monkhouse and *P Pocock did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–58, 2–131, 3–284.

BOWLING: Lever 16–1–69–1; Foster 16–1–74–0; Pringle 21.4–4–70–1; Gooch 5–2–17–0; Acfield 8–2–31–0; Childs 17–1–68–1.

Umpires: M J Kitchen and P B Wight.

No recall for a forgotten man

No-one was exactly surprised to see the name of Derek Pringle absent from the England team sheet on Sunday. And yet there was a moment when we thought he might be the finest cricketer of the decade. Who is this man, we wondered, as we read our newspapers in 1982 and learned of the Cambridge University student who scored 127 and 73 not out against Glamorgan, 81 and eight against Nottinghamshire, 0 and 72 not out against Middlesex – and that before May had even begun?

Who is this man, we asked, as he captained Cambridge to their first win over a county for 11 years, beating Lancashire as Pringle scored 24 and 61 not out, and took nine wickets. One day that boy will play for England, we thought, and mere weeks later he did. He turned down the chance to captain Cambridge in the Varsity match so that he could play in a Test. For Pringle, it was a spring mirabilis. But already the hounds of Pring were on winter's traces.

What a falling off was there! Not in the sense of personal failure, let us get that quite clear. It was not Pringle that failed. What failed were the expectations, hopes, prayers that here was a cricketer a long way beyond the common run, and from Cambridge at that, some added. "It was a gamble the selectors took that did not come off," Pringle said without rancour or shame.

We were talking in the dressing-room at the Oval, where Essex have been pursuing their attempt to retain the Britannic Assurance County Championship this week. Pringle did his bit in the winning of it last year, with 64 wickets and 658 runs – we must not punish Pringle for our own overestimations of his precocious ability by underestimating him now.

et he has become something of a butt for jokes. He is so enormous, with so amiable a face, that it is perhaps a natural development. His acquisition of the habit of persistent no-balling was further comic relief. I wonder; perhaps the no-balls came from an effort to return to that enchanted period when he could do no wrong: "You try just a little bit harder, you stretch an extra quarter inch at the groin, and this is exaggerated at your feet." And Pringle's are not little feet, either.

But he has bowled just two no-balls this season, out of around 200 overs in all competitions ("I am not one of those who could find their run blindfold") and the problem seems, touch wood to have been solved. There is nothing to stop him having a good old season as a good old county pro.

"Of course it is different playing for the university. You are under no pressure. You are not expected to win – and a wicket at Fenner's (Cambridge's ground) is very good. At university it is easy to get the headlines." But the time of easy headlines is, he says, over.

"I have set myself a target of 70 wickets and 700 runs this season," he said. He has been shunted up the order to No. 5, and since there will be extra-mural demands on the time of the Essex opener, Gooch, Pringle has a chance of facing a good few overs this summer.



Pringle: without rancour

"At university, cricket was fun. Now it is a job. And it's not just my livelihood – the livelihood of the others in the team is affected by my performance". It all sounds rather like an ex-hippie discussing his mortgage. Yesterday's hippies are today's bank managers; yesterday's golden youths are today's county pros. There is no shame in that, either.

Simon Barnes

● Geoffrey Boycott and Ashley Metcalfe are in Yorkshire's 12 for the Britannic Assurance Championship match against Somerset, at Headingley today. Boycott has played only once this season, because od a back strain and a sprained wrist. Yorkshire are hoping that Rob Andrew, the Cambridge captain, will appear for the club after the university term.

YACHTING: A FLYING SCOTSMAN COMES HOME IN STYLE

Bonar takes title with clean sweep

By John Nicholls

Bataleur, sailed by Chris Bonar, won her fifth successive race in the Scottish Series at Tarbert, Loch Fyne, yesterday and with it the trophy for best overall performance in the series. This was Bonar's seventh attempt to win the trophy and he is the first Scotsman to do so since 1980.

The coveted prize, presented for the eleventh time, does not necessarily go to the boat with the highest number of points. But it was hard for the judges to ignore Bataleur's overwhelming superiority in division two. The next best scores were four wins for Thistledown of Kyle (I Wilkins, div D) and three each for Dragon (H Smeaton, div 1), Sk'boo (H McDonald, div 3), and Napper (H Normand, Sonata).

For a short while yesterday Bataleur's clean sheet looked in danger, for in the early stages of the race, particularly downwind, Scarlett O'Jara (G Smith) was decidedly threatening. The windward legs of the Olympic course were another story, and Bataleur steadily drew away to finish first by three minutes and win by about the same amount on corrected time. At that stage, Scarlett O'Jara's corrected time was still based on her provisional rating, determined by the Clyde Cruising Club. Later the RORC rating office in Lymington confirmed that this rating was correct and Bataleur was home and dry.

Needless to say, most of the other high-scoring boats won their divisions, though Dragon was only a fraction of a point ahead of Lingo (B Mackay). Interestingly, although she won four of her races, Thistledown was only second to Midnight Cowboy (T Neilson) in division D. No discard is allowed in the scoring system, so Thistledown had to count a tenth place against Midnight Cowboy's run of five second places. Nan of Gare (M Wilson) was a popular winner of division C, being a 20-year-old eight metre cruiser-racer; one of the last of a class once prolific on the Clyde.

Yesterday's sailing conditions were by far the best of the series, which started at Gourock (for most people) in heavy rain last Thursday. At last we saw the sun and those competing on Loch Fyne for the first time now know why this remote yachting centre draws people back year after year. The racing, though taken seriously, never acquires the intensity of some regattas. In those sort of places helmsmen often get short shrift when yachts converge on a mark and they have to hail for water. At Tarbert the response is likely to be "Never mind the water, what about the whisky?"

Pelé's prediction

Rio de Janeiro, (AP) – Brazil will win their World Cup qualifying matches and reach next year's finals in Mexico, according to Pelé, the most famous player in the history of the game. "I have no doubts that the team, with a base from the 1982 Cup in Spain, will guarantee our qualifying in the games with Bolivia and Paraguay." Pelé said in a newspaper interview published here on Monday. Brazil recently lost three exhibition matches and dismissed their manager, Evaristo Macedo. He has been replaced by Telé Santana.

EVENING RACING

Sandown Park

6.15 (5f): 1, Make Me Happy (N Adams, 16-1); 2, Camps Heath (6-1 fav); 3, Spacemaker Boy (10-1); 4, Bridge Street Lady (15-2). Sh. nk. 26 ran. J Holt. TOTE: £33.00; £8.60, £1.60, £2.60, £3.10. DF: £274.90 CSF: £100.41. Tricast: £629.51.

6.45 (1m 6f): 1, Kazarosa (A Kimberley, 5-2); 2, Sanchi Steeple (9-4 fav); 3, Singers Tryst (10-1). 1½l, 10l. 7 ran. M Stoute TOTE: £4.20; £2.30, £1.70. DF: £4.50. CSF: £9.02.

7.15 (5f): 1, Never So Bold (S Cauthen, 9-4 fav); 2, Primo Dominie (7-2); 3, Sonsorio (9-1). Ykl, 3f. 6 ran. NR: Prince Sabo, Hi-Tech Girl. R Armstrong. TOTE: £3.20, £1.80, £1.70. DF: £4.50. CSF: £9.70.

7.45 (1m): 1, Tundra Goose (S Cauthen, 4-5 fav); 2, Faraway Grey (8-1); 3, Chepstow Vale (10-3). 1½l. 7l. 5 ran. H Cecil. TOTE: £1.60; £1.20; £1.70. DF: £2.70. CSF: £5.21.

8.15 (1m 3f): 1, Tour de Force (G Baxter, 9-2); 2, Arrow Bank (100-30); 3, Trish (9-1 fav). Nk, 4l. 7 ran. P Makin. TOTE: £4.10; £1.50, £2.00. DF: £8.50. CSF: £17.09.

8.45 (1m 2f): 1, Harry's Bar (A. Kimberley, 11-1); 2, Sambuk (10-11 fav), 3, Split Image (8-1) Sh Hd, 4l. 12 ran. M Stoute TOTE: £9.50; £190, £1.30, £1.70. DF: £8.50. CSF: £20.58.

● Slip Anchor has been cut from 5-2 to 9-4 by William Hill for the Derby. Shadeed remains the 5-1 second favourite. Oh So Sharp and Dubian share favouritism at 11-4 for the Oaks.

● Walter Swinburn, currently out of action with influenza, hopes to resume riding at Newmarket on Friday.

BOXING: WILLING HANDS WORK RELENTLESSLY ON HIRED HELP

McGuigan coming to terms with his big task

Barry McGuigan had a sparkling exercise at the Eastwood gymnasium in Belfast yesterday (George Ace writes). The British and European featherweight champion gave every indication that he was coming to terms with his task against the WBA world champion, Eusebio Pedroza in London on June 8.

McGuigan boxed four scintillating rounds with Dwight Pratchett, the American junior lightweight champion, from Chicago and the American earned every penny of his fee. McGuigan's manager B. J. Eastwood, summed it up aptly when he said: "Barry can at times be hard on the hired help". He gave Pratchett a rough ride.

Jabs to the head and hooks to the body landed with venom and one stinging right hook to the chin in the final round made Pratchett's legs wobble. One shudders to think what the effect would have been if he had been using fight gloves instead of the cumbersome 16oz ones. It was by far McGuigan's most impressive workout to date.

Looking on from the apron of the ring was Gerald Hayes, from New Jersey, imported by Eastwood to assist the trainer, Eddie Shaw, in McGuigan's preparation. Hayes, a colourful boxer, who only a few months ago called it a day, has shared the ring with five world champions including Pedroza and is highly rated in the United States.

Evidence ot Hayes's standing is the fact that Aaron Pryor, the WBA light-welterweight champion, offered him five per cent of a reputed $1.5 million purse to assist him in his preparation for his title bout, a little over two years ago against Alexis Arguello. "I was boxing at the time and turned the offer down", Hayes said yesterday.

"McGuigan has fast hands and immense strength. We have still a bit left in the tank yet but I am very pleased with the progress he is making. He was a bit sluggish when I arrived at the start of last week but he is sure putting his act together now". Haves said.

A surprise visitor to the gymnasium yesterday was the world snooker champion, Dennis Taylor. "I will be in London along with my wife for the fight and if I can beat Steve Davis for the world title, Barry can beat Pedroza", Taylor said.

CYCLING

Travnicek avoids pile-up to sprint home

By John Wilcockson

Crashes have become an unwelcome accompaniment of the 28th Milk Race, the second stage of which was won at Coventry yesterday by Jiri Travnicek, a burly 22-year-old Czechoslovak. With Jeff Pierce, of the United States, Travnicek just avoided a pile-up of riders half a mile from the finish. They caught a lone attacker, Andrew Paulin, another American, and then Travnicek surprised both his rivals with a sprint he started from the last corner, 100 yards before the line.

With his 30 seconds win bonus, Travnicek moved to fourth place overall, 42 secs behind the Belgian, Eric van Lancker, who retained his overnight lead.

Forty-three seconds later, the Raleigh professional, Malcolm Elliott, who was favoured to win his tenth Milk Race stage victory, freewheeled across the line in dejection. He was at the centre of the crash which took place on the fifth of seven sharp bends in the final mile through the shopping precinct of Coventry.

Elliott's team-mate, Phil Bayton, was leading the pursuit of Paulin, preparing the way for his leader's famous finishing burst. Bayton later apologized to Elliott for causing the crash that brought down all five members of his team as well as another 20 riders. Mark Walsham from Sheffield, the youngest member of the Raleigh team, sprung a shoulder joint and has been withdrawn.

Because the incident took place in the final kilometre, the chief official, Gerry McDaid, applied an international rule which gave all 75 finishers the same finishing time as the winner. A city centre finish had been requested by Coventry City Council and by the sponsors, but the race director, Phil Liggett, said afterwards: "We won't use this finish again, it was much too tight."

The field had come together 12 miles from Coventry after a brave 34-mile raid by Paul Watson from Milton Keynes and Roul Fahlin, an 18-year-old Swede. Their break began at Stow-on-the-Wold after a fierce series of attacks along a rolling highway through the Cotswolds.

The third stage is due to start from Greyfriars Road, Coventry at 10.30 today, with the 104 5 mile route taking the 74 riders through Daventry, Ampthill and Hitchin, with the finish in Parkway, Welwyn Garden City due at about 2.35.

STAGE R: Bristol to Coventry (98 miles): 1, J Travnicek (Cz) 3 hr 37 min 54 sec; 2, J Pierce (US); 3, A Paulin (US); 4, T Krasjnou (USSR); 5, J Schiephoff (W Ger); 6, V Kozarek (Cz); 7, S Tilford (US); 8, P Stevenson (GB prof); 9, P Curran (England); 10 A Jarl (Swe) all same time

OVERALL: 1, E van Lancker (Bel) Fangio, 8 hr 30 min 10 sec; 2, Krasnou at 5 sec; 3, M Knutsson (Swe) at 22 sec; 4, P Sanders (GB) at 29 sec; 5, Travnicek at 42 sec; 6, Kozarek at 42 sec; 7, Pierce at 59 sec; 8, R Fahlin (Swe) at 1 min; 9, M Elliott (GB), Raleigh at 1 min 10 sec; 10, A Timms (GB) at 1 min 17 sec.

Allocchio first in tight finish

Salerno (Reuter) – Stefano Allocchio (Italy) won the 240-kilometre eleventh stage of the Giro d'Italia race yesterday after the closest sprint finish so far.

Allocchio raced over the line in this seaside town south of Naples fractionally ahead of Giuseppe Saronni (Italy) and a Swiss sprint specialist, Urs Freuler. Roberto Visentini (Italy) retained the overall lead, ahead of Bernard Hinault (France), in the 22-stage tour.

Allocchio recorded a time of 6hr 47min 48sec for the third longest stage of the tour, winding up from Crotone on the toe of the Italian peninsula as the race began the long haul up the eastern coast.

Today's stage is a 38-kilometre individual time trial from Capua to Maddaloni – the kind of event that brings out the best in Francesco Moser (Italy).

ELEVENTH STAGE: 1, S Allocchio (It) 6hr 47min 48sec; 2, G Saronni (It); 3, U Freuler (Switz); 4, E Morone (It); 5, S Scremin (It); 6, S Milani (It); 7, J Veggerby (Den); 8, J L Navarro (Sp); 9, B Hinault (Fr); 10, E Bombini (It); 11, P Gavazzi (It); 12, S Giuliani (It); 13, D Cavallo (It); 14, J van der Velde (Neth); 15, K Eriksen (Den), all same time Overall: R Visentini (It).

Roche loses his overall lead

Aix-les-Bains, France (AFP) – Noel Seghers, of Belgium, won a nine-man sprint finish to the first section of the first stage of the Dauphine Libère race yesterday. Joel Pelier, of France took the overall lead from Ireland's Stephen Roche.

FIRST STAGE: 1, N Seghers (Bel), 2hr 1min 13sec (with 10sec bonus); 2, J Pelier (Fr), 2:01:18 (5sec); 3, S Rooks (Nem), 2:01:26 (3sec); 4, P Delaurier (Fr); 5, C Berard (Fr) both in 2:01:23.

OVERALL: 1, Pelier 2:06:25; 2, Rooks 2:06:31; 3, J Simon (Fr), 2:06:32.

HOCKEY

Opportunity for Jennings to make his mark

By Sydney Friskin

Three players from the Great Britain Olympic bronze medal winning team at Los Angeles, Paul Barber, Kulbir Bhaura, and Richard Leman, are unavailable for England's tour of Australia from July 9 to August 13. A total of 13 matches will be played, including six internationals.

The vacancies have been filled by Jennings and Gordon, both forwards and Knott a deep defender. Jennings has his big chance but as a centre forward must at present remain in the shadow of Kerly. Bhaura's place on the right wing will be taken by Gordon or Grimley and Leman's position on the left wing could go to Sherwani.

In the absence of Barber the striking at short corners will probably be done by Dodds and Craig.

SQUAD: I C B Taylor (East Grinstead), J A Hurst (St Albans), D H T Craig (Southgate), D J Knott (Slough), J N Potter (Hounslow), R D A Dodds (Southgate), J L Duthie (Southgate), D A V Faulkner (Guildford), N Gordon (Army), M J Grimley (Brooklands), N Hughes (Wakefield, capt), S R Kerly (Southgate), R J Cliff (Hounslow), J V Shaw (Southgate), I A K Sherwani (Stone), I P Jennings (Southgate).

ITINERARY: July 13: v Queensland Country (Ipswich). July 14: v Queensland (Brisbane). July 16: v New South Wales (Tamworth). July 18: v Australia (Tamworth). July 19: v Canberra XI (Canberra). July 21: v Australia (Canberra). July 23: v Australia (Hobart). July 25: v Victoria (Melbourne). July 27: v Australia (Melbourne). July 28: v Australia (Melbourne). August 1: v West Australia (Perth). August 3: v Australia (Perth).

RACING

Ickworth's form looks a cut above the rest

By Mandarin

Apart from his front-line three-year-olds such as Slip Anchor, Lanfranco and Oh So Sharp, Henry Cecil has an army of outstanding reserves on which to call. One of the best of these, on the evidence seen so far, is Skaramanga, who has won both his races to date and at Brighton this afternoon Ickworth, who finished third to him at Newbury last month, is napped to win the Regency Maiden Stakes and further underline Skaramanga's excellence.

Lightly-raced last season, Ickworth went into many notebooks as a certain future winner when he came from a long way back to take third place behind Skaramanga and Golden Promise in a 16-runner maiden race at the Berkshire course. He was beaten a length and two lengths with the fourth seven lengths back and not only did Skaramanga go on to trounce a better-call field at Newmarket in his next race, Golden Promise also won on his next outing, so the form cannot be faulted.

King Of Comedy and Pyrotechnic have both shown signs of ability in moderate company, but a greater danger to Frank Durr's colt may be the hitherto disappointing Careen.

Ron Boss has enjoyed a successful season so far, particularly with his two-year-olds and Glikiaa Mou can provide him with another win in this department by taking the Shoreham Fillies' Stakes. This daughter of Young Generation recovered from a slow start to run Gwydion to a neck at Newmarket earlier this month, the pair finishing well clear of the third horse and that looks better than anything achieved by her rivals.

The course specialist, Aberfield, who runs in the Channel Handicap, will be well backed to defy a penalty for his latest win over the course two weeks ago when he beat Folly Hill. However, in receipt of over 2st, Trumps, who finished strongly when runner-up to Game For A Laugh at Lingfield Park, may have his measure.

It is always worth forgiving a horse one bad run and Canif, who disappointed his supporters badly at Lingfield last time after going down narrowly to Brig Chop at Newmarket, can prove the point in the Flanagan and Allen Handicap.



Frank Durr, trainer of Ickworth (4.30 Brighton)

No Derby run for No Pass No Sale

From Desmond Stoneham, Paris

No Pass No Sale, who was awarded the Poule d'Essai des Poulains (French 2,000 Guineas) on the disqualification of River Mist prior to finishing second behind Métal Précieux in the Prix Lupin, will not contest the Derby, sponsored by Ever-Ready, tomorrow week: Robert Collet, the trainer, has decided that No Pass No Sale might not possess the necessary stamina, so he will be saddled instead for the Prix Jean Prat Ecurie Fustok at Chantilly on June 9.

Patrick Biancone is at present the only trainer who intends to have runners for the Epsom meeting. He runs Seurat in the Derby, the Australian six-year-old, Strawberry Road, in the Coronation Cup and Vacarme with his pacemaker Centennial in the Diomed Stakes. Yesterday at Maisons-Laffitte, Vacarme made all the running to take the Prix Sea Sick by four lengths.

Finally, Criquette Head is leaning towards running both Devalois and Fitnah in the Prix de Diane Hermes (French Oaks), although no final decision has been taken about the former.

$2m bonus for Spend A Buck

Cherry Hill, New Jersey (Reuter) – Spend A Buck, the winner, collected a record $2m bonus when he captured the $1m Jersey Derby by a neck. Creme Fraiche was second, a nose ahead of El Basco.

Spend A Buck, ridden for the first time by Laffit Pincay, junior, earned $600,000 for his victory in the 10-furlong race. In addition he collected the $2m bonus for having won all three major stakes races at Garden State Park this spring.

POINT-TO-POINT

Louviers putting his troubles behind him

By Brian Beel

The classically-bred Louviers has had a chequered career. After winning at a mile and a quarter for Michael Stoute, he went to Gordon Richards to race over hurdles.

In two seasons he won only one race from 13 outings and earned a reputation as one not to trust in *Timeform*. Bought at the end of last season by David Russell at the Ascot Sales, he started his point-to-point career by running fourth at the Duke of Beaufort's in the ladies. He then developed a leg and after a lay-off he reappeared 10 days ago at Tweseldown Club meeting. He ran according to the vets' prediction that "He'll blow up two fences from home." On Saturday, at the Isle of Wight meeting, still not firing on all cylinders, he won the ladies' open.

He showed no signs of lacking resolution when the PPOA secretary, Rosem Harper took him into the lead between the last two fences and ran out an easy winner from the odds-on favourite, El Padre.

Wang the Miller, following his Melton win last week, was the market choice for the mens' open, but David Evatt had other ideas on Lady Herries', 14-year-old Silent Burn. Going clear at the water on the second circuit, he never looked like being caught and finished a distance in front of David Bissill on the favourite. The race was marred by the fatal fall of Chichester Bird.

Another 14-year-old to win here was Beuche Giorod in the adjacent restricted. When with Jenny Pitman Beuche Giorod won over £26,000, but this last two seasons point-to-pointing have been lean. On Saturday he was ridden by Amanda Harvey, the sister of his former trainer.

Peter Greenall, who has won the Daily Telegraph Cup for the men's championship, was hauled before the stewards at the Banwen Miners – to explain the absence of Royal Missile, who was declared to run in the open and was installed as the odds-on favourite.

Five minutes before the race it was announced that the stewards had given permission for the horse to be withdrawn. All bets were declared void and a new market was formed.

Greenall, who subsequently won on Pride of Tullow, told the stewards that he had been delayed by heavy traffic, but this explanation was not accepted and the case was referred to Portman Square.

In Royal Missile's absence from the open, John Llewellyn reinforced his position in the lead for the Welsh title by winning on Mr Moneybags.

Karen Dowsett, aided by a walkover on Mickley That in the hunt race and a win in the ladies on the same horse, is now certain of winning the Grand Marnier novice lady riders' title as well as the Welsh one.

Since her fall at Cheltenham three weeks ago, Lucy Crow, who was in the lead for the ladies title, has not ridden a winner. At the Dalverton West on Saturday, her luck remained out in the ladies' open when her objection was turned down after being beaten on Isaac by Allison Dare on Mendip Express.

Miss Dare was in the lead on the final bend when Miss Crow challenged on the inside and came out with a scraped boot.

At Chepstow on Monday two point-to-point championships were settled when Flying Ace won the RMC Ladies and Urser the Diners Club.

Doreen Calder made up for her defeat last year in the ladies', but it was only after a neck-and-neck struggle with the firm ground specialist Majetta Crescent from two fences out.

Monday's winners

NEW FOREST:
Hunt: Mister Ketchup (walked over). Adj: Trust Fund. Ladies: Buoyancea. Open: Woolly Jumper. Mdn: Cotino. Rsc: Newman's Girl.

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE:
Hunt: Corner Seat. Adj: Chalk Pit. Open: Uncle Stubby. BF: Prince Pippin. Ladies: Eventime. Mdn: Kariol Boy.

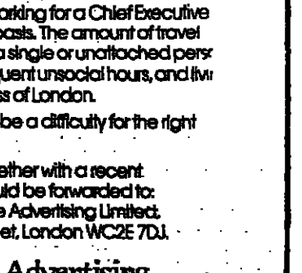
SOUTH TETCOTT:
Hunt: Crash II. Ladies: Kildino Star. Open: White Supreme. Adj: Spartan Mariner. Rsc: Stoneyard. Mdn: River Myth.

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BRIGHTON

Going: good to soft

Draw advantage: 5f-6f, low numbers best

2.0 SHOREHAM FILLIES STAKES (2-y-o: £1,749: 5f) (10 runners)

1	10	ALICE HILL (CD) (T Mills) A Ingham 8-13	T Williams 3	4
2	210	OLE FLO (CD) (BF) (C Armstrong) K Brassey 8-13	S Whitworth 3	5
3	0	ARDENT PARTNER (N Dean) R Simpson 8-8	K Radcliffe 7	6
4	0	CHALFONT MO (BF) (L Norris) P Kelleway 8-8	Gay Kelleway 5	8
5	2	CRESTA LEAP (BF) (Lt-Col E Harries) R Hannon 8-8	A McGlone	9
6	22	CSILLAG (Lady Sort) P Bailey 8-8	Pat Eddery	3
7	00	DUNLAVIN (Miss D Birbeck) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-8	G Duffield	7
8		GLIKIAA MOU (Mrs A Mulinos) R Boss 8-8	M Miller	2
10	2	SNOWBRIGHT (R Popely) F Durr 8-8	G Starkey	1
14	0	SPINNAKER LADY (B Simpson) M Usher 8-8	M Wigham	10
17	0			

1984: Musing 8-8 J Reid (4-1) B Swift 10 ran.

Evens Glikiaa Mou, Cresta Leap, 6 Chalfont Mo, 10 Alice Hill, Ole Flo, 14 Snowbright, [illegible]

FORM: ALICE HILL, unplaced last time, previously 2½l winner here (8-11), from Monstrosa (8-11), winner since (5f, 2822, firm, Apr 29, 7 ran) OLE FLO, last of 9 latest, previously (8-11) beat Snap Decision (8-11) by 8l here (5f, 2822, good to soft, Apr 11, 8 ran). CHALFONT MO (8-11) promoted to 2nd after finishing 2½l 3rd of 4 to Joab (9-0) here (5f, £1,740, good, May 15). CRESTA LEAP (8-11) beaten 2½l into 2nd by Pursuer (8-11) at Wolverhampton (5f, £1,248, hard, May 22, 19 ran). GLIKIAA MOU (8-11) neck 2nd of 8 to Gwydion (8-11) at Newmarket (5f, £3,089, good to firm, May 3).

Selection: GLIKIAA MOU.

2.30 CLAYTON HANDICAP (3-y-o: £2,963: 7f) (11)

1	2331-00	PRINCE HAB (D) (D Hunnisett) R Smyth 9-7	B Rouse	2
2	0113-40	SUDDEN IMPACT (R Chiarella) G Lewis 9-5	P Waldron	4
3	3321-00	THE ANDYSTAN (S Powell) J Sutcliffe 9-2	Pat Eddery	7
4	1-30	DR NAEEM (F Salman) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	1
5	41330-0	EMBROIDERESS (Mrs W McAlpine) D Morley 8-12	G Duffield	6
6	030-003	APRIL FOOL (D) (T Vignoles) M Usher 8-12	M Wigham	3
8	10-0300	LAURIE LORIMAR (A J Bingley Ltd) M McCourt 8-9	R Wernham	5
9	200-042	HOME FLYER (Mrs J Yarnold) C Nelson 8-7	J Johnson	9
10	00-0	CAPE TOWN GIRL (E St George) P Kelleway 8-6	Gay Kelleway 5	11
13	000-034	VICEROY BOY (F Broom) R Hannon 7-13	A McGlone	10
14	4100-00	NIGHT WALLER (J Bridger) J Bridger 7-7	N Adams 5	8

1984: Jamra 7-9 A McGlone (7-1) C Horgan 8 ran.

2 Home Flyer, 7-2 Viceroy Boy, 9-2 Dr Naeem, 6 Sudden Impact, 8 The Andystan, 12 Laurie Lorimer, 16 mers.

FROM: SUDDEN IMPACT, not in first 9 latest, previously (9-2) 5l 4th of 6 to Charge Along (8-5) at Leicester (7f, £3,609, heavy, Mar 25). THE ANDYSTAN (7-12) 14½l 7th of 8 to Scottish Reel (8-3) at York (7f, £12,510, good to soft, May 16) DR NAEEM (8-7) 7½l 5th of 8 to Torquemada (8-9) at Doncaster (6f, £4,480, firm, May 8) APRIL FOOL (8-7) beaten 9½l when 3rd of 10 to Westerman (9-1) at Lingfield (7f, £2,750, good, May 11). HOME FLYER (8-7) 7½l 2nd of 20 to Welsh Tower (9-7) at Warwick (7f, £1,262, good, May 6). VICEROY BOY (8-11) 3l 4th of 16 to Majors Review (8-7) here (5f, £1,746, good, May 15).

Selection: SUDDEN IMPACT.

Brighton selections

By Mandarin

2.0 Glickiaa Mou. 2.30 The Andystan. 3.0 Canif. 3.30 Fair Eleanor. 4.0 Trumps. 4.30 ICKWORTH (Nap).

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.0 Glikiaa Mou. 2.30 Embroidress. 3.0 Canif. 3.30 Fair Eleanor. 4.0 Aberfield. 4.30 Ickworth.

3.0 FLANAGAN AND ALLEN HANDICAP (£2,561: 6f) (12)

2	10004-0	SCINTILLO (D) (W Marti) B Hobbs 4-9-10	R Guest	6
3	00-0020	SINGING SAILOR (Introgroup Holdings) R Hannon 8-8-9	R Wernham	1
4	10000-0	LITTLE STARCHY (J Fletcher) G Grazey 7-9-9	M Miller	5
5	0000-20	CANIF (D) (Mrs W Sole) M Ryan 4-8-9	P Bloomfield	12
6	03100-0	MANCHESTERSKYTRAIN (C,D) (P Bowditch) L Cottrell 6-9-5	N Carlisle	4
9	40100-0	GODSTRUTH (C,D) (B) (H Thomson Jones) H Thomson Jones 6-8-9	P d'Arcy	8
11	3000-00	ELAINE ANN (D) (A Papotto) M Haynes 4-7-9		2
12	0014-00	SHARAD (BF) (F Goodman) B Stevens 5-7-7	D McKay	10
14	0-00201	BOAS FESTAS (D) (B Tesco) Pat Mitchell 5-7-7 (7 ex)	R Street	11
15	000/	MERIKA (J Burke) P Mitchell 5-7-7		7
17	00400-0	ST TERRAMAR (C) (B) (Sanff & Co Ltd) D Jermy 10-7-7	G Dickie	9
18	3402-40	CADEES (G Tufte) M Tompkins 5-7-7	A Mackay	3

1984: L Perricholi 4-8-13 R Curant (16-1) M Tompkins 11 ran.

7-2 Scintillo, 4 Little Starchy, 9-2 Canif, 11-2 Manchesterskytrain, 6 Godstruth, 9 Boas Festas, 10 Singing Sailor, 14 others.

FORM: SCINTILLO (9-5) 14l of 19 to Al Ameed (8-2) at Lingfield (6f, £4,354, Good, May 11). LITTLE STARCHY (8-4), MANCHESTERSKYTRAIN (9-1) and CANIF (9-1) were not in first 6. Previously CANIF (8-5) neck 2nd of 13 to Brig Chop (9-4) at Newmarket (6f, £5,606, good to firm, May 2). GODSTRUTH, last of 10 on reappearance in 1984 (10-8) ELAINE ANN (10-4) 2l back in 3rd when Wolverhampton amateur h'cap winner (5f, £1,380, good to firm, Aug 18, 19 ran). SHARAD, 6¼l 6th (9-8) to Dorcas (7-7) last time, in 1984 (7-10) was short head Warwick winner from New Embassy (8-9) (5f, £1,324, good, Oct 16, 19 ran). BOAS FESTAS (8-2) 1½l Lingfield selling winner from Seax (8-2) (6f, £971, good to firm, May 10, 19 ran). ST TERRAMAR (8-2) finished out of first 9 after leading 2f out.

SELECTION: CANIF.

3.30 SEAFOOD SELLING STAKES (3-y-o: £881: 1m) (12)

1	3100-00	FRENCH EMPEROR (C) (Mrs J Cripps) M Haynes 9-0	P Cook	12
2	010000-0	MATCHSTICK MAN (B Boardman) H Beasley 9-0	D McKay	7
3	000-000	OCONOMOWOC (T Upton) W Guest 9-0	Pat Eddery	8
4	0400-00	SHANNA'S PRIDE (Sanff & Co Ltd) D Jermy 9-0	S Kelly	11
5	0000-30	SPECIALLY VAGUE (Mrs C Orme) A Ingham 9-0	T Williams 3	10
6	00-	RUSSIEN CHARIOT (Sunderland Services) P Mitchell 9-0	J Martinez	5
8	000-	TRAILFINDER (Anglo Enterprises) C Nelson 9-0	J Johnson	1
11	00000-	BAY DIMPLE (I Laming) R Hood 8-11	J Reid	9
13	0010-0	FAIR ELEANOR (B) (D Hunnisett) D Morley 8-11	S Rouse	3
14	0-0	FILLE DE SMITH (Mrs K Enstan) R Smyth 8-11	S Whitworth 3	6
15	0	INDIAN VANITY (J Jones) M Francis 8-11	Paul Eddery	4
16	0000-00	JUST BLAIR (B) (Dr V Bolton) Pat Mitchell 8-11	R Fox	2

1984: Mezlara 9-0 L Piggott (2-1 fav) A Ingham 13 ran.

5-2 Matchstick Man, 100-30 Specially Vague, 4 Fair Eleanor, 5 French Emperor, 7 Trailfinder,

FORM: FRENCH EMPEROR, behind last time, in 1984 won Newmarket seller (8-11) by short head from Jaz-Zee Boy (8-11) (7f, £2,641, good to firm, July 12, 17 ran). MATCHSTICK MAN, always behind on reappearance, last season (8-10) was ½l Bath maiden winner from Keep Still (8-3) (6f 187yds, £1,216, hard, July 7, 8 ran). SPECIALLY VAGUE, unplaced last time, previously (8-8) 18l last of 3 to Doulab (9-3) at Folkestone (6f, £1,668, soft, Apr 15). FILLE DE SMITH (8-11) backward when weakening to finish out of first 9 in Warwick maiden won by Bold And Beautiful (8-11) (8f, 2594, good, May 6, 16 ran). SELECTION: SPECIALLY VAGUE.

4.0 CHANNEL HANDICAP (£2,553: 1m 2f) (9)

1	2400-31	ABERFIELD (C,D) (R Evans) P Kelleway 8-9-12 (5 ex)	Gay Kelleway 5	3
5	03014-0	YABIS (K Al-Said) J Sutcliffe 4-8-1	Pat Eddery	7
6	16-2200	PEANDAY (C,D) (B Boardmen) H Beasley 4-8-0	D McKay	9
8	0/2003-	ARCKARSINGA (C Spence) D Morley 4-8-10	G Duffield	6
11	0130-40	PROFIT WARRANT (CD) (M Hutchinson) Pat Mitchell 6-7-13	P Bradwell	8
12	030-333	KING OF SPEED (D) (Mrs J Quigley) B Wise 6-7-11	A Mackay	5
13	0600-02	TRUMPS (D Hunnisett) R Smyth 5-7-9	R Fox	4
15	04000-6	DERBY DAY (B) (N Spreadbury) D Wilson 4-7-7	T Williams 3	2
17	/10000-	OUR KATY (D Hunnisett) D Morley 5-7-7	W Woods 5	1

1984: Profit Warrant 5-8-2 P Bradwell (20-1) Pat Mitchell 12 ran.

11-4 Trumps, 100-30 King Of Speed, 4 Yabis, 5 Aberfield, 13-2 Peanday, 9 Arckaringa,

FORM: ABERFIELD (8-4) beat Folly Hill (8-2) 7½l here (1m 4f, £2782, good, May 15, 7 ran) with PROFIT WARRANT (7-8) 4¼l back in 4th YABIS behind latest: last season (8-8) beat Fleeting Chase (8-5) 5l at Haydock (1m 2f 131yds, £2114, good to firm, Aug 10). ARCKARINGA (8-11) 2l 3rd of 14 to Libra's Hope (8-11) at Nottingham (1m 2f, £1071, good, Oct 29). TRUMPS (8-11) 2l 2nd of 16 to Game For A Laugh (8-7) at Lingfield (7f 140yds, £2048, firm, May 10) with KING OF SPEED (8-13) a neck sixty in 3rd.

Selection: YABIS

4.30 REGENCY MAIDEN STAKES (2953: 1m 4f) (16)

1	030-400	CAREEN (The Queen) I Balding 4-8-8	Pat Eddery	10
3	02200-0	WATER DRAGON (D Mills) D Mills 5-8-8	P Cook	7
5		LILLYLEE LADY (D Nahid) M Haynes 4-9-5		5
6		SUMMERHILL GOLD (Sussexhill Stud Ltd) Miss A Sinclair 4-9-5	R Lines 3	12
9	00/0-	WINGINGIN (B) (R Moore) J Fitch-Hayes 4-9-5	B Rouse	11
13	00	DODGE THE THISTLE (R Voorspuy) R Voorspuy 3-8-5	D Brown 7	4
17	04-3	ICKWORTH (Ld Bristol) F Durr 3-8-5	G Starkey	14
18	00-4	KING OF COMEDY (M Saint) C Horgan 3-8-5	A Clark	3
19	0-	PARK OAK'S (S Pickard) R Simpson 3-8-5	K Radcliffe 7	15
24	000-034	GLAM'S WISHIE (Mrs D Bolton) Pat Mitchell 3-8-2	M Miller	13
26		HARLESTONE LAKE (J Dunlop) J Dunlop 3-8-2	R Fox	16
27	0-33	JAZZY LADY (N Mandell) P Kelleway 3-8-2	Gay Kelleway 5	6
29	0-0	NORFOLK FLY (G Tufte) M Tompkins 3-8-2	A Mackay	2
30	000320-	NORSKA (Ld Harlington) D Morley 3-8-2	W Woods 5	9
31	0204-04	PYROTECHNIC (W du Pont III) G Pritchard-Gordon 3-8-2	G Duffield	8
34	0	WHISTLEY MAID (G Whatling) D Laing 3-8-2	C Rutter 5	1

1984: Crown Eagle 3-8-5 S Cauthen (9-2) D Elsworth 20 ran.

11-8 Ickworth, 7-2 King Of Comedy, 6 Jazzy Lady, 7 Pyrotechnic, 9 Careen, 12 Harleston Lass, 20 others.

FORM: CAREEN behind latest: previously (9-8) 7l 6th of 11 to Southern Dynasty (9-2) at Bath (1m 3f 150yds, £2369, good, Apr 30). ICKWORTH (9-0) 3l 3rd of 16 to Stanmanage (9-0) at Newbury (1m 3f, £2837, good, Apr 15). KING OF COMEDY (9-0) 8½l 4th of 16 to Chilcot (9-0) at Windsor (1m 2f 22yds, £930, good May 18) JAZZY LADY (8-11) 5½l 3rd of 20 to Game Mill (9-0) at Nottingham (1m 2f, £974, good to firm, Apr 30). PYROTECHNIC (8-3) 11½l 4th of 15 to Auchideas (8-5) at Beverley (1m 2f, £1914, good, May 18), with NORFOLK FLY (8-2) over 5½l further back.

Selection: ICKWORTH

CARTMEL

Going: good to soft

2.15 CARTMEL TOWN HANDICAP HURDLE (amateurs: £1,111; 2m 7f) (13 runners)

1	0204	RUN'N FLY A Mactaggart 10-12-1	D Mactaggart 7
2	000	INSIANGE R Johnson 4-12-1	P Johnson 7
4	0003	ZIPARIS N Lee-Judson 7-10-7	–
6	0031	MOUNT NUGENT Mrs M Dickinson 5-10-12 (4 ex)	P Dennis 7
7	3030	WIMSEY (CD) Miss K Thompson 8-10-0	Miss K Thompson 7
8	00/f	HYDE I Anderson 8-10-0	–
9	2022	CLEODOE STIRE (BF) Mrs G Rowley 6-10-0	–
10	0243	BROWNYN Mrs S Davenport 5-10-0	Miss N Davenport 7
13	0300	MILLIONDOLLARMAN R Francis 11-10-0	Mrs S Aston 7
15	p141	NOT EASY W A Stephenson 5-10-0 (4 ex)	S Cunningham 7
17	0000	BUSHY BAY (B) (CD) M Chapman 11-10-0	–
18	000p	FINE STYLE T Hall 6-10-0	–
23	p00p	YOUNG LOFTY B Preece 5-10-0	J Dewhurst

1984: no corresponding meeting.

11-4 Mount Nugent, 9-2 Not Easy, Run'n Fly, 5 Ziparis, 13-2 Cleodoe Star, 8 Wimsey, 12 Bronwyn, 16 others.

Cartmel selections

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2.15 Mount Nugent. 2.45 Hawaiian Heir. 3.25 Jimmy Chips. 4.0 Ruler On A Lark. 4.35 Marathon Man. 5.10 Jim Thorpe.

2.50 NORTH WEST RACING CLUB SELLING HURDLE (£600: 2m 1f) (13)

6	0321	HAWAIIAN HEIR (B) (C) W Clay 6-11-8	S J O'Neill	4
9	4002	INSPIRED M Chapman 5-11-4	G Evans 7	
10	0419	LE BARON ROUGE B Charnley 5-11-4	J Mclaughlin	
13	03pp	RED RIPPLE (B) R Jeffrey 5-11-4	J Brown 7	
16	00p8	TECHNICAL BEST J Johnson 5-11-3	J O'Neill	
17	0031	DREADNOUGHT J Carden 5-11-4	NON-RUNNER	
18	0p00	PALLETAIT (BF) N Waggott 5-11-0	Mr N Waggott 7	
20	0442	GRUINASTORM W Charles 4-10-11	M Hood 7	
21	p004	HEAVENLY PRINCESS Alf Watson 5-10-9	Sharron James 7	
23	pf34	RHYMARC G Richards 5-10-9	P Tuck	
24	00	RUBY TIARA S Burt 5-10-9	Mr L Kirby 7	
26	3210	MOON MELODY R Thompson 4-10-7	Jayne Thompson 7	
29	0000	ICACOS BAY (B) E Alston 4-10-2	–	

9-4 Gruinastrom, 3 Hawaiian Heir, 9-2 Moon Melody, Rhymarc, 8 Technical Merit, 10 Le Baron Rouge, 14 others.

3.25 LAKELAND PENNINE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,229: 2m 1f) (12)

1	1132	NORTH YARD (D) R House 9-11-10	Philip Hobbs	
7	2124	FAIR BASU S Burt 11-10-9	Mr L Kirby 7	
8	3432	JIMMY CHIPS W Raw 8-10-7	B Storey	
13	3-f00	OXENHAM (CD) P Craggs 10-10-2	Mr P Craggs	
15	0042	SAINT-MUNN (B) (CD) Mrs D Culham 11-10-0	J J O'Neill	
17	03p8	BRAHMS AND LISZT W Charles 9-10-0	M Hood 7	
18	443p	OLD HEAD P Nonbelh 13-10-0	D Nolan	

4.0 HOLKER HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,612: 2m 1f) (17)

2	11-b0	RULER ON A LARK J Edwards 5-11-10	P Barton
4	0000	BATON MATCH M Chapman 5-10-13	J O'Neill
5	0011	RAMMUS Denys Smith 4-10-12	C Grant
9	0400	HIGH DROP (B) FStorey 5-10-7	B Storey
10	1404	FELDSTOWE LAD (C) J H Johnston 6-10-6	S McNeill
12	4004	KILSYTH D Burchell 6-10-5	S Davies 7
14	6043	KINDRED R Thompson 9-10-3	Jayne Thompson 7
15	0000	CZERNIN J Charlton 8-10-2	–
17	0041	RISING SOVEREIGN (D) W Charles 7-10-2 (4 ex)	M Hood
19	0000	VICTORY BOY T Cuthbert 7-10-0	D McCaskill
20	0P10	RHEINGOLD'S GIFT (D) N Lee-Judson 7-10-0	G Charles-Jones 4
21	042p	LAUGH-A-MINUTE Mrs D Culham 6-10-0	Mr P Dennis 7
22	0004	NITE OF SPRING Miss Z Green 7-10-0	J Goulding
23	3003	CHI MAI J Norton 5-10-0	Mr J Quinn 7
24	0001	SAINTLY LADY M Reddish 10-10-0 (4 ex)	–
25	05p0	GRAY ROSE–BAY E H Owen jnr 5-10-0	Miss L Wallace 7
26	0000	VALOROSE J Kettlewell 5-10-0	S Kettlewell 4

9-4 Rabirtus, 4 Kindred, 5 Kilsyth, 15-2 Ruler On A Lark, Feldstowe Lad, 10 Rising Sovereign, Baton Match, 16 others.

4.35 BATEY'S PIG & WHISTLE NOVICE CHASE (£1,635: 2m 5f) (12)

6	6p40	MARATHON MAN K Oliver 7-11-4	T G Dun
7	0213	PARK TOWER (BF) P Monteith 7-11-4	D Nolan
8	5302	SCOTTISH DREAM (BF) G Richards 7-11-4	P Tuck
12	0034	BUSHELLO J H Thompson 10-11-0	Mr P Craggs
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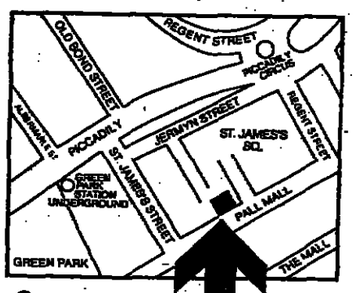
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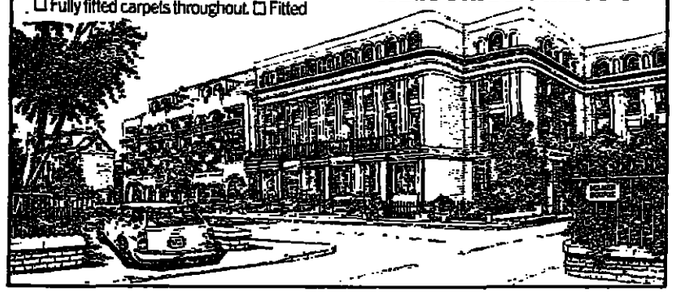
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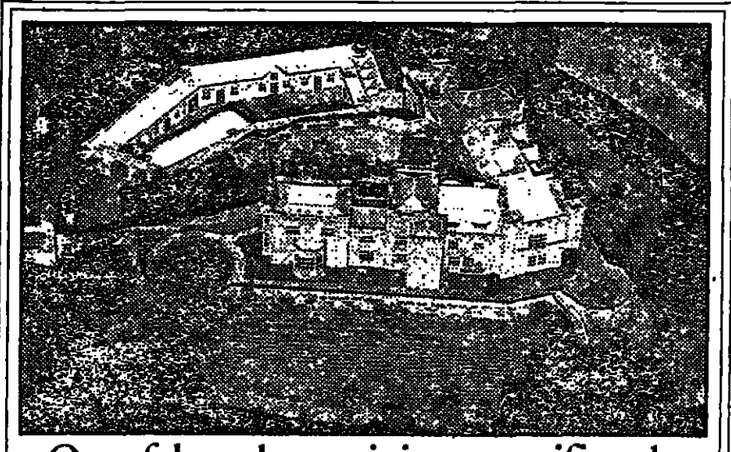
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By Christopher Warman
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Thurland Castle, one of Lancashire's most historic buildings and believed to be one of only eight moated castles in England, is for sale through Grimley and Son (061-834 7187), who want more than £500,000 for the castle and 13 acres. It was built in the late 14th century and has had a chequered history, being largely destroyed by Cromwell and restored twice before fire in 1879 resulted in major rebuilding. The castle, at Turnstall, 13 miles north of Lancaster, is the home of antiques dealer Godfrey Simpson, and could provide a private residence, although it has planning permission for a hotel or nursing home.

The Atlantic crossing

American interest in London property has been at a high level for a few years, culminating in almost frenetic activity earlier this year when the pound dropped to a record low level against the dollar.

Estate agents have charted the development with an interest not entirely unconnected with the prospect of doing big business, but apart from one or two of the largest agents who have associate offices in the US, they have rather waited for the business to come to them.

Though several have travelled to Hong Kong for exhibitions in the hope of attracting Chinese and expatriate interest, none has gone in the opposite direction. Until now, that is, for two partners from Chesterfield and Co., the Knightsbridge-based firm, left earlier this month to dip their toe in the American waters.

The possibility of going to Hong Kong was considered, but Owen Inskip considered that the Hong Kong factor in the central London market had not been, and would never be, as great as the interest from the US. He said: "Over the last two years this firm has done an increasing amount of business with wealthy American executives and this trend has mushroomed over the last six months."

He believed that no London firm had yet visited the US and decided it would give them a unique opportunity to meet potential clients "who want to buy property in central London but do not have the time to come over and carry out their own exhaustive research."

Their itinerary has taken them to New York, Dallas and Florida. They are carrying with them a portfolio of top-quality properties and a guide to the London residential market – in the hope that they can entice more Americans over here.

Writing of the US market in Savills' spring magazine, Victoria Mitchell records the "steady interest" turning to a "sudden torrent" this year. "However, to date" she writes, "we, like most other agents, are unable to pinpoint, as a direct result, many additional sales to Americans who would not otherwise have bought. This is not altogether surprising. Buying property is not quite like buying up anything you can fit into a Harrods' shopping bag on a day trip."

She nevertheless believes that interest will continue, leading to firm results before the end of the year. Chesterfields hope, from their initiative, that the results will come sooner.

Thomas Carlyle smoked here

■ Carlyle House, a double-fronted property in Chelsea, once a tobacconist's shop where Thomas Carlyle bought his cigars before smoking them surreptitiously in the basement of his home, is for sale through Aylesford (01-351 2383) at £375,000. The house, at the Cheyne Walk end of Old Church Street, has been converted to a family dwelling, retaining its original period features including cornicing and wooden floor and a Victorian cast-iron bathtub. It has four bedrooms.

■ **Lyncombe Court, a fine Georgian house in Bath, is for sale for the second time in a year because the American owner has to return home. The house, in two acres on the edge of the city, has three reception rooms and six bedrooms, with a self-contained flat, and will cost £350,000 to £400,000 through Humbert's Chippenham office.**

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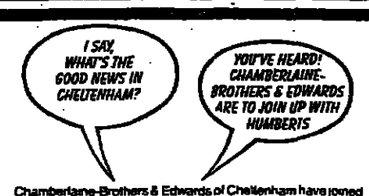
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BIRTHS

ABRAMS – On May 22, to Victor and Jutta (nee Israel), a daughter, Nahasha Rachel.

ADDISON – On May 26, at the Matilda Hospital, Hong Kong, to Jane (nee Hartness) and Timothy, a daughter, Lucinda Jane, a sister for William.

BAILEY. – On May 27th, at University College Hospital, to Elizabeth (nee Hitching) and Ralph, a son, George, a brother for Charlotte.

BARRON – On May 22, in Hereford to Sarah (nee van Weede) and Alastair, a son, Giles Alexander Lamont.

BENTLEY – On May 19 to Jane (nee Hutchings) and Paul, a daughter, Charlotte Irene.

CHARLTON. – On 27th May 1985 at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton to Celia & Tim, a son (Richard Percy).

DONALDSON – On 28th May at Glangwili Hospital, Carmarthen to Bridie (nee Dyrcel) and Robert, a daughter, Jennifer Linda.

DURTNALL. – On May 16th at Plymouth to Beryl and Alan, a son, Lewis brother for Carol, Louise.

EDGERLEY – On 22nd May, to Jane (nee Humphreys) and Robert – a son, Paul, a brother for Daniel and Thomas.

FINER – on May 14th to Marcia (nee Farquhar) and Jeremy a daughter (Kitty Ann) a sister for Ella Jean.

FINNIGAN. – On May 20, 1985, at Guys Hospital to Sarah (nee Farnbrough) and Peter – a son (James Anthony).

FOLKES. – On May 27, at the Queen Elizabeth Maternity Hospital, Edgbaston, to Xenia (nee Howard-Johnson) and James – a son (Maximilian John).

GATEHOUSE. – On 24th May at Kings College Hospital, London, to Fenella (nee Buchanan) and Simon, a son, Benedict.

HIX TO LYSBETH & CHRISTOPHER at Greenwich Hospital on 23rd May, a son, Andrew Michael.

JUDGE – On 24th May 1985, to Anne & Paul, at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, – a son (Michael James), a brother for Christopher.

KEWLEY – on May 27th, to Jan (Maulden) and David, a daughter, Kate Olivia Wallace.

MITCHELL. – On 27th May, to Georgina (nee Mould) and Philip, a daughter (Louisa Catherine Marie Thérèse).

MONTGOMERY. – On May 24th to Bridget (nee Fisher) and Bruce, a beautiful daughter, Katherine Frances, a sister to Caroline.

MORRISON – On 24th May, to Charlotte and Phillip, a daughter, Rachel Ann, a sister for Carol.

MULFORD – On May 27, to Venetia and Peter, a daughter.

PROBERT. – To Nella (née Bevan) and Geoffrey, on 24th May, a son, Thomas Henry.

SHERRY – On may 25th, at St Thomas', to Lorraine (née Philip) and Michael – a daughter (Nicola Ruth), a sister for Rachael.

SOBALA.–On May 21st, at Gloucester Royal Hospital, to Rosemary (née Hawkswell) and George–a son (Andrew Edward).

SUTCLIFFE-SMITH. – On May 24th at Royal Sussex County Hospital to Jan (nee Knight) and Richard – a daughter (Olivia).

WARBURTON – On May 24, to Victoria (née Bennett) and William, a daughter, Olivia Hope.

WETHERELL – On May 24th at West London Hospital to Belinda Jane (née Pritchard-Barratt) and Peter Arrol Royds a daughter Emily June Pamela.

WHITWORTH – On May 27th at St George's, Tooting, to Julie and Simon, a son Archie.

WILSON – On May 28th 1985, at Northwick Park Hospital, to Hazel (nee D'Souza) and Bernard – a daughter, Nicole Caroline Noelani.

WODZAK. – On May 24th to Sarah (nee Feeny) and Michael, beautiful twins, Rebecca Mary Helen and Sophie Rose Patricia. Deo gratias.

BIRTHDAYS

SIMON HINCKS is 21 today. Happy birthday and lots of love from Mummy, Pippi, Jason, Jamie, Emma and Claire.

RUBY WEDDINGS

FOWLER : HUXLEY – On May 29, 1945, at Christ's College Chapel, Cambridge, Laurence to Helen. Now at Dormers, Comberton, Cambridge.

DEATHS

BARNES – On May 28, peacefully in London, The Honourable Ellen Seymour, age 91, wife of Major Sedley Barnes and last surviving child of Field Marshall Lord Methuen, Cremation 10.15am, Friday May 31, Putney Vale Crematorium. No letters, no flowers. Donations if desired to St Teresa's, 42 Roland Gardens, SW10.

BARRY – Very peacefully, on 24th May at Bowley House, London. Phyllis Bristed, aged 93, wife of the late Ian Barry and mother of Nina Serota and David. Funeral service at Shelfield Road Baptist Church, Bayley Lane, Coventry, on Thursday May 30th, at 1.30pm. Flowers may be sent to C.R.S., New Street, Barnsley. Absent from the body, present with her Lord, whom she loved and served with all her heart.

CARLISLE. – On May 27th in her 91st year, Mary devotion wife of the late Philip Edward Carlisle, mother of Much loved mother of Sylvia, Paul, Rachel, and Mark. Funeral at St. Philip's Church, Aldridge, on Thursday May 30th at 11.30am. Donations if desired to St. Philip's Church.

CHANCELLOR. On May 24th at Kylce Cottage, Beal, Marjorie, wife of the late George chancellor after a long and courageous struggle with her infirmities. Funeral service in Lowick Parish church on Saturday, May 1st at 12 noon followed by interment in Kylce church yard. Friends please meet at Lowick Church. All floral tributes to Kylce Cottage please.

COLVILL – On May 27 1985 Margaret Beryl (nee Dundas) aged 92 years. Widow of Captain J. L. Colvill, R.N. Late of Cosgreven Leath, Co. Dublin.

CORRADINE, MARGARET.–On May 25, 1985. Sister of Kathleen Nott. No flowers, but donations to St Christopher's Hospice, Sydenham.

COWAN – JOHN. On Friday May 24 peacefully at his home, Kenwood, 18 Sycamore Road, Cyprus Road, Finchley. Formerly Managing Director of Davy Corporation Ltd, Johannesburg, Africa from 1943 until retirement in 1966. He leaves widow Gwen, one son and two grandaughters.

DOTTRIDGE On May 25, 1985, peacefully in hospital, Anthony Philip Dottridge, DFC & Bar Group Captain, RAF (Ret'd) dearly loved husband of Vera and father of Richard & Elizabeth. Cremation private. Details of a memorial service will be announced later.

DOVE – On 25th of May, peacefully at home, Major General Aubrey Julian Lanfield, CB, DSO, of Redgate, Surrey, aged 82 years, passed through death into life, beloved husband of Betty, and father of Susanna.

DEATHS

EDWARDS – On 26th May 1985, Gwendolen Annie, formerly of 30a George Road, Minehead, in her 92nd year. Peacefully in her sleep, at Kildare House, Minehead. The funeral service will take place at Taunton Deane Crematorium at 12 noon, Monday June 3rd. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu if desired to the St Margaret's Hospice, Taunton, c/o H Hawkes and Son, Funeral Director, Dunster, Somerset. Tel: 821 255.

FOOTITT. – On 27th May, 1985, peacefully at home, Hadlow, aged 69 years, dearly beloved wife of John, a loving mother and grandmother. Funeral service Mottlestone Church, Friday, 31st May, at 12 noon. Family flowers only, but if desired, donations for the Norwich Hospice, Priscilla Bacon Lodge, c/o The Rev K. J. Yarnaugh, The Rectory, Kettlestone, Fakenham, Norfolk.

GILES. – On 24th May, Albert Reginald (Reg) in his 74th year, Soldier, Surveyor and beloved husband of Eileen and devoted father of William. Cremation private. Memorial service at The Parish Church of St Cuthbert Wells on Monday, 3rd of June at 2pm. donations if desired for The Friends of the Wells Hospitals, c/o T. Wicks & Son, 13 Sadler Street, Wells. (78888).

GORER.–On May 24th, peacefully, Geoffrey Edgar, brother of Richard, much respected and a friend of many. Cremation at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, near Crawley, Sussex, on Monday, June 3rd, 1985, at 12.30 p.m. Cut flowers only. Any further enquiries to Leslie G. T. Mitchell, 04862 4303.

HATCH – On May 26, 1985, peacefully after a short illness, in The Queen Elizabeth Military Hospital, Woolwich, and therefore amongst soldiers as she would have wished, Jean Flemming, widow of Lt Col Roger Hatch, MC, 16th Foot, and much loved mother of Christopher and Guy, aged 69½ years. Funeral service Garrison Chapel, Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, Wednesday 29th, at 2.30pm. Family flowers only. No memorial service by her request. Donations if desired to Cancer Research, Lincolns Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PX or MacMillan Cancer Relief Fund, 30 Dorset Square, London NW1 6QL.

POTTER – On may 19th 1985, at his home in Crabtree Close, Allestree, Derby, Garrick Henry, aged 67 years, Late of the East Midlands Gas Board, dearly loved husband of Mary. Cremated at Markeaton Crematorium, Derby, on May 23rd 1985.

PRITTIE. – On May 28th, peacefully in hospital, the Hon Terence Cornelius Farmer, beloved husband of Laura and father of Oliver and Hugo. No letters and no flowers, but donations, if so desired, to the Rifleman's Aid Society, Peninsula Barracks, Winchester. Memorial service to be announced later.

SEDDON-BROWN. – On May 24, Sophie, tragically in a car accident. Much loved daughter of Simon and Daffy. Funeral All Saints, Upper Clatford, Friday, May 31, at 2.30pm.

SHONE – May 25, suddenly, but peacefully, Dorice, aged 88 years, of Heylake, Wirral, wife of the late A. Howard Shone and a loving and much loved mother, mother-in-law, mother and great grandmother. Funeral at St Luke's Church, Heyside, 1.15 pm, Friday, May 31. Followed by private interment. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Royal Liverpool Hospital (Heyside branch), Lyndhurst, Croft Drive East, Caldy, West Kirby, Wirral.

THOMPSON – Suddenly at home on May 26 1985, Peter Howard Thompson of Coton Hall, Bomere Heath, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. Funeral service at St Marys Church, Alveley, Shropshire on Friday May 31 at 11am. Family flowers only by request.

TRIMMER – On Sunday, 26th May 1985, at the King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, John Bradly, of Kingsham Farm, Burden Wood, Sussex. Beloved husband of Beryl. Private funeral. Service of thanksgiving at St Lawrence Parish Church, Alton, on 12th June 1985 at 2.30pm. No flowers, but donations to either World Wild Life Fund, or the Solicitors Benevolent Fund.

WESTGARTH – Owen Elland, peacefully in Guernsey Channel Islands on 25th May 1985, after a long and tragic illness borne bravely and cheerfully to the end. Beloved husband of Phyllis, dearly loved mother of David and Nigel and much loved nanna of Oliver and Amy. Private family funeral, enquiries and flowers to Bedford's Funeral Services Ltd, Les Genereaux, St Saviour's, Guernsey CI. Tel: 0481 64939.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

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NALTON nee BAXTER, CONSTANCE NALTON nee BAXTER, WIDOW, late of 27 Britannia Street, Scarborough, North Yorkshire, died there on 17th November 1984 (Estate about £12,000).

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Today's television and radio programmes

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BBC 1

6.50 **Breakfast Time** with Frank Bough and Sue Cook. Weather at 6.55, 7.25, 7.55, 8.25 and 8.55; regional news, weather and travel at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57, 8.27, and 8.57; national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 7.20, 7.45 and 8.20; the new Top Twenty at 7.32; and a review of the morning newspapers at 8.37; plus, Alison Mitchell's weekly financial advice column and Jobs 85 which explores job prospects around Britain.

9.20 **Ceefax.** 10.30 **Play School**, presented by Iain Lauchlan who joins Stuart Bradley on the Caterpiller Trail.

10.50 **Gharbar.** Magazine programme for Asian woman. This week's edition includes Samina Mir discussing school meals and nutrition with Birmingham headmistress Sudarshan Aborl and Mrs Madhury Mehta. 11.15 **Ceefax.**

12.00 **News After Noon** with Frances Coverdale and Chris Lowe. The weather prospects come from Bill Giles. 1.27 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles). 1.30 **Mr Benn.** A See-Saw programme for the very young (r). 1.45 **Ceefax** 3.53 Regional news (not London).

3.55 **Lay on Five**, presented by Floella Benjamin, featuring children from South Aston Play Centre. 4.10 **The Wombles.** Another adventure involving the denizens of Wimbledon Common, told by Bernard Cribbins (r). 4.15 **The Biskitts.** Cartoon series about a group of small dogs defending the island of Biskitt from the wicked King Max.

4.35 **Take Two.** Josephine Buchan presents the last programme in the series. The programmes under discussion this afternoon are Seaview and, bravely, Take Two.

5.00 **John Craven's Newsround** 5.10 **Duncan Dares** for the last time. Peter Duncan, after six months' practice, attempts to walk a tightrope.

5.35 **Gloria.** Gloria agrees to be hypnotised in order to remember details of the criminal who robbed the surgery but all she recalls while in a trance are disturbing incidents from her childhood.

6.00 **News** with Nicholas Witchell and Philip Hayton.

6.35 **London Plus.**

7.00 **Wogan.** A warm-up for the chat show that has been put-back to approximately 10.15 to accommodate coverage of the European Cup final.

7.05 **The European Cup Final.** Full coverage of the game between Juventus of Italy and Liverpool, introduced by Jimmy Hill. The commentator at the Heysel Stadium in Brussels in Barry Davies with expert comment from Bobby Charlton.

9.20 approximately **News** with Julia Somerville. Weather.

9.45 approximately **Q.E.D: Robots – Taking the Biscuit,** introduced by Jane Lapotaire. A Documentary about different types of robot – a visual system programmed to recognise various items; a hand connected to a sophisticated computer; robot arms; and a four-foot-high domestic robot, capable of pouring a cup of coffee.

10.15 approximately **Wogan.** The guests include Telly Savalas, Henry Cooper and Jimmy Tarbuck.

11.00 approximately **On the Throne.** A celebration of lavatories. Lucinda Lambton travels the length and breadth of the land examining the best that Victorian engineers produced.

11.40 approximately **Weather.**

11.45 **Open University: What Value Nuclear Protests?** Ends at approximately 12.10.

TV-am

6.15 **Good Morning Britain,** presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.16, 6.30, 6.45, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.39 and 7.37; exercises at 6.50 and 9.19; Popeye cartoon at 7.23; pop music at 7.54; video report at 8.40; and Roland Rat at 9.02. The guests include the New Batchelors, Catherine Bach and Polly James.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 **Thames news** headlines followed by **Sesame Street.**

10.25 **Film: The Fabulous Joe** (1947) starring Walter Abel. Comedy about a mild-mannered man whose life changes dramatically after he inherits a dog. Directed by Harve Foster. 11.20 Cartoon Time.

11.30 **About Britain.** The glens of Antrim and the modern ways of interpreting traditional crafts.

12.00 **Tales from Fat Tulip's Garden.** A gang of toads invade the garden. Who will come to the rescue? 12.10 **Our Backyard** is the setting for a surprise party (r).

12.30 **Raw Energy.** The last programme in Leslie Kenton and her daughter, Susannah's, series on healthy eating features a feast, beginning with mushroom flower cups, a carrot chowder followed by fruits and vegetables and an unbaked raspberry pie.

1.00 **News at One** with Alastair Stewart. Weather. 1.20 **Thames news.** 1.30 **A Country Practice.**

2.30 **On the Market.** Susan Brookes and Trevor Hyett with news of the best food market buys. The guest cook is Anton Mosimann. 3.00 **Take the High Road.** Drama serial set in the Scottish highland estate of Glendarroch.

3.25 **Thames news** headlines. 3.30 **Sons and Daughters.**

4.00 **Tales from Fat Tulip's Garden.** A repeat of the programme shown at noon. 4.15 **Crystal Tipps and Alistair.** 4.20 **Fraggle Rock.** 4.50 **Razzmatazz.** Pop music.

5.15 **Connections.** Quiz game.

5.45 **News** with Martyn Lewis. Weather. 6.00 **Thames news.**

6.25 **Help!** Viv Taylor Gee with news of the Black Business Development Association and of Project Fullemploy, a training centre in Kensington for young adults who want to find employment in the clerical or retail fields.

6.35 **Crossroads.** Nicola Freeman meets her motel staff.

7.00 **Arthur C. Clarke's World of Strange Powers.** Have some people lived before? The programme introduces an exotic guest list of people who claims to have lived an earlier life, ranging from Ann Boleyn to Queen Isabella of Spain (Oracle).

7.30 **Coronation Street.** Kevin has to give ground in a confrontation (Oracle).

8.00 **Film: The Scarlet and the Black** (1983) starring Gregory Peck and Christopher Plummer. A made-for-television drama, based on fact, about an Irish priest, working in the Vatican during the Second World War, who uses his cloak of diplomatic immunity to harbour escaped Allied prisoners-of-war. His worthy endeavours brings him to the attention of the Gestapo chief in Rome. Directed by Jerry London (continues after the news) (Oracle).

10.00 **News at Ten** with Sandy Gall and Pamela Armstrong.

10.30 **Film: The Scarlet and the Black** continued.

11.15 **Moulin Rouge.** A documentary celebrating the famous Parisian night club, immortalised by Toulouse-Lautrec.

12.20 **Night Thoughts** from the Bishop of Durham.



A scene from Losing Track, on Channel 4, 8.00 pm

● **BLEAK HOUSE** (BBC 2, 9.20pm) ends as it began two months ago and as it has continued ever since – magnificently. It has set the standard against which all future Dickens dramatizations will be measured. And it ends, as indeed it must, with Chancery, in all its foggy hideousness, being revealed as the monster compared with which Krook and Tulkinghorn are mere aberrations. Whatever noble passions thread their way through the novel, it is ultimately Dickens's detestation of the legal system of his day that gives *Bleak House* its power. "Hope is not the business of the law", says the man-eating Vholes in tonight's concluding episode. For the past eight weeks, that awful message has been the theme on which some brilliant variations have been played.

● A more comforting message is relayed by **ROBOTS – TAKING THE BISCUIT?** (BBC 1, 9.45pm). Flesh-and-blood folk still have the edge on mechanical slaves because, though robots can serve us a decent enough cup of coffee, they do stupid things like pick the rook off a chess board when told to fetch a chocolate digestive. More fundamentally, they can't smell, taste or feel. They lack other sensitivities, too. They cannot pick up a mouse without doing what *we see them doing to a doughnut*: squeeze the jam out of it.

● I feared that, stripped of Rossini's thermal music, Beaumarchais's **THE BARBER OF SEVILLE, OR, ALL THAT TROUBLE FOR NOTHING** (Radio 3, 8.15pm) would stand about shivering in its nakedness, looking pathetic. But I had reckoned without some exceptionally gifted people: Carl Davis, who has written some pretty songs and mood music (only one brief bow in Rossini's direction); John Wells, who has respectfully translated Beaumarchais while reserving the right to freshen up the jokes in characteristic Wellsian style; veteran director Ian Cotterell, who knows how easy it is for the witty to collapse into the nutty; and a cast that must have given the BBC budget-fixers the palpitations, including as it does Dorothy Tutin, Michael Aldridge, Gary Bond and Nickolas Grace. This is a glittering start to the Beaumarchais trilogy which continues next week with *The Marriage of Figaro*, and ends with *A Mother's Guilt*. Carl Davis's music substitutes for Mozart's in the former, and for Milhaud's in the latter.

Peter Davalle

CHOICE

BBC 2

6.30 **Open University: Art in Italy: The Villa Farnesina.** 6.55 Appearance and Reality. Ends at 7.20.

9.00 **Ceefax.**

10.00 **You and Me.** A series for four- and five-year olds, presented by Indira Joshi (r).

10.13 **Ceefax.**

12.30 **Caring for Older People.** An Open University production that explores the experience of widowhood.

12.55 **Ceefax.**

5.30 **News** summary with subtitles. Weather.

5.35 **Arthur Negus Enjoys** Corsham Court, Wiltshire, in the company of Henry Sandon, a porcelain expert. This family home of Lord Methuan boasts an 18th-century dinner service, made in Worcester but decorated in London; the famous Cobb commode; and 18th-century mirrors by Robert Adam and Thomas Johnson (r).

6.00 **The Making of the Living Planet.** A preview to a repeat of David Attenborough's series. Miles Kington goes behind the scenes and examines the problems of filming underground and learns of the dangers faced by Mr Attenborough, his cameramen and sound recordists (r).

6.40 **Make 'Em Laugh.** Mark Curry presents clip from old films featuring daring and comic chases (r).

7.00 **Film: Kismet** (1955) starring Howard Keel and Ann Blyth. Musical fantasy about a Baghdad beggar who uses his cunning to accumulate wealth and to bring a prince to court his daughter. The music is based on themes by Borodin. Directed by Vincente Minnelli.

8.50 **Rock Around Europe,** introduced by Jonathan King. A compilation of rock videos from the European rock scene.

9.20 **Bleak House.** The final episode of the dramatization of Charles Dickens's novel and, after the death of Lady Dedlock, Richard Carstone surprises everyone by his single-minded endeavours to pursue the legal cause of Jarndyce and Jarndyce. The lawyers begin to laugh at him openly in court and Carstone begins to retreat into his own little world where only the scatty Miss Flite can follow. (Ceefax). (See Choice).

10.15 **Motor 100.** The second and final part of the programme of highlights from last weekend's festival at Silverstone celebrating a century of motoring. Presented by Noel Edmonds with Mike Smith and Murray Walker.

11.00 **Newsnight.** The latest national and international news including extended coverage of one of the main stories of the day. With John Tusa, Peter Snow and Donald MacCormick.

11.45 **Weather.**

11.50 **Open University: Introductory Electronics.** 12.15 **Biology: Chicken or Egg.** Ends at 12.45.

CHANNEL 4

2.30 **Film: The Silent Enemy*** (1958) starring Laurence Harvey. A Second World War drama, based on the exploits of Lieutenant 'Buster' Crabb, the Royal Navy frogman whose efforts against the Italians earned him the George Medal. Directed by William Fairchild.

4.30 **Television Scrabble.** Alan Coren presents another round of the electronic board game. This afternoon's celebrity challenger is Derek Nimmo.

5.00 **Alice.** Mel's mother telephones to break the news that she is marrying again and is calling round the next day to introduce her new fiance. When she arrives to receive the congratulations of Mel and the staff she creates a stir when it is revealed that her husband-to-be is a much younger man and on top of that, extremely good looking.

5.30 **Farming on 4.** Barry Wilson reports on how two tenants of a Northumberland county council smallholding are progressing.

6.00 **Wales: Landscape and Legend.** Part two of the series combining an exploration of Wales' landscape with readings from Welsh legends and poetry, explores the mountains and their political symbolism.

6.30 **The Heritage Game.** John Julius Norwich is at Brympton D'Evercy, the Somerset estate of Mr and Mrs Clive Ponsonby-Fane, with guest Brian Johnston and Sotheby's expert Derek Shrub.

7.00 **Channel Four News.**

7.50 **Comment.** The political slot this week is filled by the Conservative MP for Richmond and Barnes, Jeremy Hanley. **Weather.**

8.00 **Losing Track.** Part two of the series exploring the development of Britain's transport policy, continues with an examination of the railways during the first half of the 20th century. The programme included archive film of steam trains in their heyday.

8.30 **Diverse Reports: Getting Away with Murder.** Barbara Evans explores the problem of violence against women in the home and argues that the police are not doing enough to protect the battered woman.

9.00 **About Time.** Part three of the six-programme series looking at aspects and concepts of time through the ages examines how holy days became holidays.

10.00 **Lou Grant** finds he is becoming emotionally involved with the widow of a late colleague.

10.55 **Visions: Cannes and Fox.** A report on the Cannes film festival includes an interview with Yugoslav director, Dusan Makajev; a location report on Mishima; and Dirk Bogarde recounting his experiences of chairing last year's Festival jury. Plus, the 50-year history of 20th Century Fox.

12.00 **Closedown.**

Radio 4

On long wave. † Also stereo VHF.

5.55 **Shipping.** 6.00 **News briefing; Weather.** 6.10 **Farming.** 6.25 **Prayer.**

6.30 **Today,** including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 **News.** 6.46 **Business News.** 6.55, 7.55 **Weather.** 7.00, 8.00 **Today's News.** 7.25, 8.25 **Sport.**

8.43 **Alice's Adventures in Wonderland** read by Alan Bennett (3)†

9.00 **News.**

9.05 **Midweek: Libby Purves†**

10.00 **News; Gardeners' Question Time.** Listeners' questions.

10.30 **Morning Story: 'The Oedipus Complex'** by V. S. Pritchett. Reader: Martin Jarvis.

10.45 **Daily Service** (New Every Morning, page 6)†

11.00 **News; Travel; You The Jury** Dick Taverne, QC, chairs a debate on the motion: The European Convention on Human Rights should be incorporated into UK law (r).

11.48 **English Now.** David Crystal talks to Martin Cutts of the Plain English Campaign.

12.00 **Now, You and Yours.** Consumer advice, with John Howard.

12.27 **The Meisterspringer.** Final episode of Berkely Mather's thriller serial (r). 12.55 **Weather.**

1.00 **The World at One: News.**

1.40 **The Archers.** 1.55 **Shipping**

2.00 **News: Women's Hour.** Includes an interview with Dame Peggy Ashcroft. And Frances Tomelty reads the first instalment of I Also Am of Ireland, By Frances Molfett.

3.00 ***The Afternoon Play: A Change of Frequency,*** by David Reid. With Guy Rolfe, Simon Hewitt and Irene Prador. John Levitt. Comedy, set in a small Eastern block country where an international radio festival is being held†

3.47 **Time for Verse.** Poetry on the theme of water.

4.00 **News; File On 4.** Major issues at home and abroad.

4.40 **Story Time: 'Dead Man Leading'** by V. S. Pritchett (8). Reader: Michael Cochrane.

5.00 **PM: News Magazine.** 5.50 **Shipping Forecast.** 5.55 **Weather.**

6.00 **The Six O'clock News.**

6.30 **After Henry.** Comedy series starring Prunella Scales, Joan Sanderson, Garry Cowper and Benjamin Whitrow†

7.00 **News.**

7.05 **The Archers.**

7.20 **Checkpoint.** Roger Cook investigates listeners' complaints about suspect dealing.

7.45 **Groundswell.** Environment programme, presented by Hugh Sykes.

8.15 **In Business.** Peter Hobday with news, views and stories from the business world.

8.45 **Analysis: Transport and General.** Mary Goldring describes how the TGWU has fallen in disarray and why its recovery is important for the whole country.

9.30 **The Comcrake and the Lysander.** Finlay J. Macdonald with further memories of a Hebridean boyhood.

9.45 **Kaleidescope.** Arts Magazine. Comment on the film Steaming, and A. L. Barker's book No Word of Love.

10.15 **A Book At Bedtime: 'Weights and Measures'** by Joseph Roth (3). The reader is Tom Wilkinson.

10.30 **The World Tonight.**

11.15 **The Financial World Tonight.**

11.30 **The Making of Mrs Beeton.** June Knox-Mawer dusts the flour (and dust) off Mrs Beeton and discovers a beautiful and brilliant journalist. 12.00-12.15 am **News; Weather.** 12.33 **Shipping.**

VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: 5.55-6.00 am Weather; Travel. 1.55-2.00 pm Listening Corner. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued) 11.00 Study On 4: View at the Top. 11.30-12.00 Open University.

Radio 3

6.55 **Weather.** 7.00 **News.**

7.05 **Your Midweek Choice.** Stanford's The Blue Bird, Op 119 No 3 (Walmsley-Clark/Richard Hickox Singers/Hickox); Haydn's Piano Trio in G minor (H XV1) played by Beaux Arts Trio; Handel's Per le porte del tormento (Sosarme), with soloists Deller, Ritchie/St Cecilia Orchestra/Lewis); Respighi's Feste Romane (Montreal SO/Dutoit)† 8.00 **News.**

8.05 **Your Midweek Choice** (contd); Walther von der Vogelweide's Under den Linden (St George's Canzona/Sothcott); Shostakovich's Concertino Op 94 (Ogdon/Lucas, pianos); Dvorak's Violin Concerto in A minor (Josef Suk/Czech PO/Naumann)† 9.00 **News.**

9.05 **This Week's Composer: Rameau.** Les Fêtes d'Hebe: Le danse (Troisième entrée). With soloists Jill Gomez, Anne-Marie Rodde, Jean-Claude Orliac/Monteverdi Choir/Monteverdi Orchestra/ John Eliot Gardiner)†

10.00 **Frank Bridge: The suite The Sea** (Royal Liverpool PO/Groves)†

10.25 **Schubert Piano Duets: Peter Noke and Helen Krtzos.** Sonata in B flat, D 617; Two Characteristic Marches, D 886; Fantasia in F minor, D 940†

11.15 **BBC Scottish SO** (under Norman Del Mar). With Anna Steiger (soprano). Chausson's (poème de l'amour et de la mer: Lalo's Symphony in G minor†

12.15 **Concert Hall: Couperin and Bach.** With Mitzi Meyerson (harpsichord). Bach's Concerto in the Italian style in F (BWV 971); and Couperin's Ordre No 8† 1.00 **News.**

1.05 **Jazz: Graham Collier Music play** Collier Adam and Cathedra, which are his responses to two paintings by the American painter Barnett Newman.

1.30 **Matinee Musicale: BBC Concert Orchestra** (under Lockhart). With Kate Emitt and John Ralston (pianos). Bizet's overture Dr Miracle; Michael Hobson's South American Dances, for two pianos; Bliss's Concerto for two pianos (3 hands) and orchestra; Johann Strauss's waltz Memories of Covent Garden; Selber's Easy Dances; Delibes's Le rois'amuse† 2.30 **Saint-Saens and Poulenc: Dong-Suk Kang** (violin). Pascal Devoyon (piano). Saint-Saens's Sonata No 1 Op 75; and Poulenc's Sonata†

3.15 **Orchestral music: Prokofiev's** Russian Overture, Op 72 (LPO/ Walter Weller); the Sinfonietta in A Op 48 (Philharmonia/Muti); and Khachaturian's Russian Fantasy (LSO/Tjeknavorian)†

4.00 **Choral Evensong: from St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin†** 4.55 **News.**

5.00 **Mainly for Pleasure: another of Geoffrey Norris's selections of recorded music†**

5.30 **Choral Voices: The Exon Singers** (under Christopher Tolley). Victoria's The lamentations of Jeremiah, part one; and Brahms's Three Motets, Op 110†

7.00 **Debut: Marrti Rousi** (cello), with Juhani Lagerspetz (piano) and Helen Jahren (oboe). Kokkonen's Sonata for cello and piano; Isang Yun's Piri for oboe†

7.30 **Six Continents: Ian McDougall** with foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC.

7.50 **Witold Lutoslawski: BBC Singers.** Trois Poèmes d'Henri Michaux, with BBC SO conducted by the composer†

8.15 **The Figaro Plays:** first of three programmes. The Beaumarchais plays have been translated by John Wells, with music by Carl Davis. Tonight: the Barber of Seville. With Dorothy Tutin, Gary Bond, Michael Aldridge and Nickolas Grace. Part two at 9.20 after interval reading at 9.10. (See Choice).

10.10 **Montsalvatge and Turina: the** former's Concerto breve (Alicia de Larrocha, piano, with the RPO under De Burgos); and the latter's Sinfonia Sevillana (LPO/under Enrique Batiz).

11.00 **Stephen Hough: piano recital.** Haydn's Sonata in F (H XVI 23); Mendelssohn's Variations sérieuses; Prokofiev's Sonata No 6 in A Op 82†

11.57 **News.** 12.00 **Closedown.** VHF only: **Open University.** From 6.35 to 6.55am. Afterpiece Theme.

Radio 2

On medium wave. † also VHF stereo News on the hour (except 9.0pm). Headlines 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30 4.00 Colin Berry† 6.00 Ray Moore† 8.05 Ken Bruce† 10.30 Jimmy Young† 1.05pm Sports Desk; David Jacobs† Incl 2.02 Sports Desk. 2.05 Gloria Hunniford† Incl 3.02 Sports Desk. 3.30 Music All The Way† Incl 4.02 Sports Desk. 4.05 David Hamilton† Incl 5.05 Sports Desk. 6.05 John Dunn† Incl 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (MF) only. 7.00 European Soccer Special. (Liverpool v Juventus for the European Cup Final). 9.10 Listen to the Band. Charlie Chester with Metropolitan Police Band. 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 The Fosdyke Saga II. 10.15 The Houghton Weavers. 10.30 Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory. 11.00 Bernard Falk presents Round Midnight (stereo from Midnight). 1.00am Bill Rennells† 3.00 Vernon and Maryetta Midgley† 3.30-4.00 Space Force. The Great Martian Pyramid (3).

Radio 1

6.00am Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 12.00 Gary Davies incl 12.30pm Newsbeat. 2.30 Steve Wright. 5.00 Bruno Brookes incl 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.30 Janice Long. 10.00-12.00 Andy Kershaw† VHF Radios 1 & 2: 4.00am With Radio 2. 7.00pm John Dunn (continued from MF) incl 7.30 Cricket Scoreboard. 8.00 String Sound. 8.30 Syd Lawrence. 9.10 With Radio 2. 10.00 With Radio 1. 12.00-4.00am With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. 6.30 Omnibus. 7.00 World News 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours 7.30 Report on Religion. 7.45 That's Tred. 8.00 World News. 8.05 Reflections. 8.15 International Soccer Special. 8.30 Randy Newman's America. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead 9.45 It's All Been Done Before. 10.00 News Summary. 10.01 An Evening With Mrs Thrale. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 Hunger. 11.25 A Letter from Wales 11.30 Meridian 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Nature Notebook. 12.25 The Farming World. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 British String Quartets. 2.00 Outlook. 2.45 Report on Religion. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 *Why I Am An Atheist.* 3.30 Blandings. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Counterpoint. 4.00 World News. 5.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 5.30 Assignment. 6.00 News Summary. 9.01 Network UK. 9.15 Album Time. 9.45 Recording of the Week. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 A Letter from Wales. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Good Books. 11.30 Top Twenty. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Blandings. 1.00 News Summary. 1.01 Outlook. 1.33 Waveguide. 1.40 Book Choice. 1.45 Monitor. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 Assignment. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 4.45 Financial News. 4.55 Reflections. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 5.45 The World Today.

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BBC 1 Wales: 1.27pm-1.30 News of Wales headlines. 3.53 3.55 News of Wales headlines. 5.10-5.35 Wales, Red and Green. 5.35-6.00 Wales Today. 6.35-7.00 Gloria. 11.40-11.45 News and weather. Scotland: 1.27pm-1.30 The Scottish News. 6.35-7.00 Reporting Scotland. 11.40-11.45 News and weather. Northern Ireland: 1.27pm-1.30 Northern Ireland News. 3.53-3.55 Northern Ireland News. 5.35-5.40 Today's Sport. 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster. 6.35-7.00 Farm View. 11.40-11.45 News and weather. England: 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines.

CHANNEL As London except: 9.25am Little House on the Prairie. 10.15 Chance to Meet. 10.25 Dangertreaks. 11.15-11.30 World's Children. 12.30pm-1.00 Keep it in the Family. 1.20-1.30 News.5.15-5.45 Diff'rent Strokes. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.30 Crossroads. 6.55-7.00 Bireli Lagrene. 12.20am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 10.25am Dandelion Documentary. 11.25-11.30 Cartoon. 12.30pm-1.00 Whose Baby? 1.20-1.30 News. 6.00-6.35 North Tonight. 12.20am News, Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 10.25am Cartoon. 10.40 Protectors. 11.05 Fireball XL5. 12.30pm-1.00 Vintage Quiz. 1.20-1.30 News. 6.00-6.35 About Anglia. 12.20am Christians in Sport, Closedown.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

HTV WEST As London except: 10.25am Aldabra: Island of Giant Tortoises. 11.15-11.30 Mountain Men. 12.30pm-1.00 Something to Treasure. 1.20 News. 1.30-2.30 Hart To Hart. 6.00-6.35 News. 12.20 Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 9.25am-10.25 Sesame Street. 5.00pm-6.35 Wales At Six.

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SCOTTISH As London except: 10.25am World Famous Fairytales. 10.40-11.30 Above New Zealand. 12.30pm-1.00 Never Mind Tifa Handicap. 1.20 News. 1.30 Job Spot. 1.35 Love Boat. 3.00 Adventurer. 3.30-4.00 Report Back. 6.00-6.35 News and Scotland Today. 12.20am Late Call. Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 10.25am Fang Face. 10.50 Wild Dogs of Jesper. 11.15-11.30 European Folk Tales. 12.30pm-1.00 Calender Lunchtime Live. 1.20 Calender. 1.30-2.30 Falcon Crest. 6.00-6.35 Calendar. 12.20am Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 10.25am European Folk Tales. 10.40 Wild World of Animals. 11.05-11.30 Fireball XL5. 12.30pm-1.00 Clegg's People. 1.20-1.30 Border News. 3.00 Bygones. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00-6.35 Lookaround. 12.20am News, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 10.25am Once Upon a Time . . . Man. 10.50 Professor Kitzel. 11.00 Fabulous Funnies. 11.25-11.30 Cartoon. 12.30pm-1.00 Something to Treasure. 1.20-1.30 Lunchtime. 3.30-4.00 Big Ice. 6.00-6.35 Good Evening Ulster. 12.15am News, Closedown.

TVS As London except: 10.25am Cartoon. 10.40 Matt and Jenny. 11.05-11.30 Crazy world of Sport. 12.30pm-1.00 The Sullivans. 1.20 News. 1.30 Whose Baby? 2.00-2.30 Look Who's Talking. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Starkids. 6.00-6.35 Coast to Coast. 12.20am Company, closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 9.30am-11.30 Film: Wombling Free. 12.30pm-1.00 Bygones. 1.20 News. 1.25-1.30 Where The Jobs Are. 6.00 News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 Northern Life. 11.15 That's Hollywood. 11.45 Images of Holy Spirit, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 9.25am Once Upon A Time . . . Man. 9.50 Poseidon Flies. 10.45 Hands. 11.05-11.30 Fireball XL5. 12.30pm-1.00 Sullivans. 1.20-1.30 Granada Reports. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00 This Is Your Right. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30-7.00 Granada Reports. 12.20am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 9.24am Sport Billy. 9.50 Mysteries, Myths and Legends. 10.10-11.30 Film: Wonder Bar* (Al Jolson). 12.30pm-1.00 Something to Treasure. 1.20 News. 1.30-2.30 Simon & Simon. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 News. 12.20am Closedown.

TSW As London except: 10.25am Dangertreaks. 11.15am-11.30 World's Children. 12.30pm-1.00 Keep it in the Family. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Gus Honeybun. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30-7.00 Exploration and Adventure. 12.20am Postscript, Closedown.

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The Briton who sailed through the cyclone disaster

Mr Andrew Jenkins, a War on Want consultant, was sailing off the island of Sandwip when the full force of the cyclone hit the Bay of Bengal. He was caught in the eye of the storm.

A field engineer for a Dutch land reclamation company, he was working on a dam between Sandwip and the worst-hit island of Urirghar – where as many as 8,000 people may be dead. Had the project been completed, he believes, many thousands of lives would have been saved.

Mr Jenkins returned to Britain last night, to be with his pregnant wife, and described the storm: "The radio carried a class 3 warning on Friday evening, but it was nothing unusual.

"Then, at midnight, came a class 9 warning. That comes before the worst possible storm. We knew we were in serious trouble, and I doubt that anyone on land could have done much to help themselves at that stage.

"Luckily we were on the sheltered side of the island as the cyclone hit during the night. We were in a very sturdy boat, but as the enormous tidal bore hit us we thought we were going under.

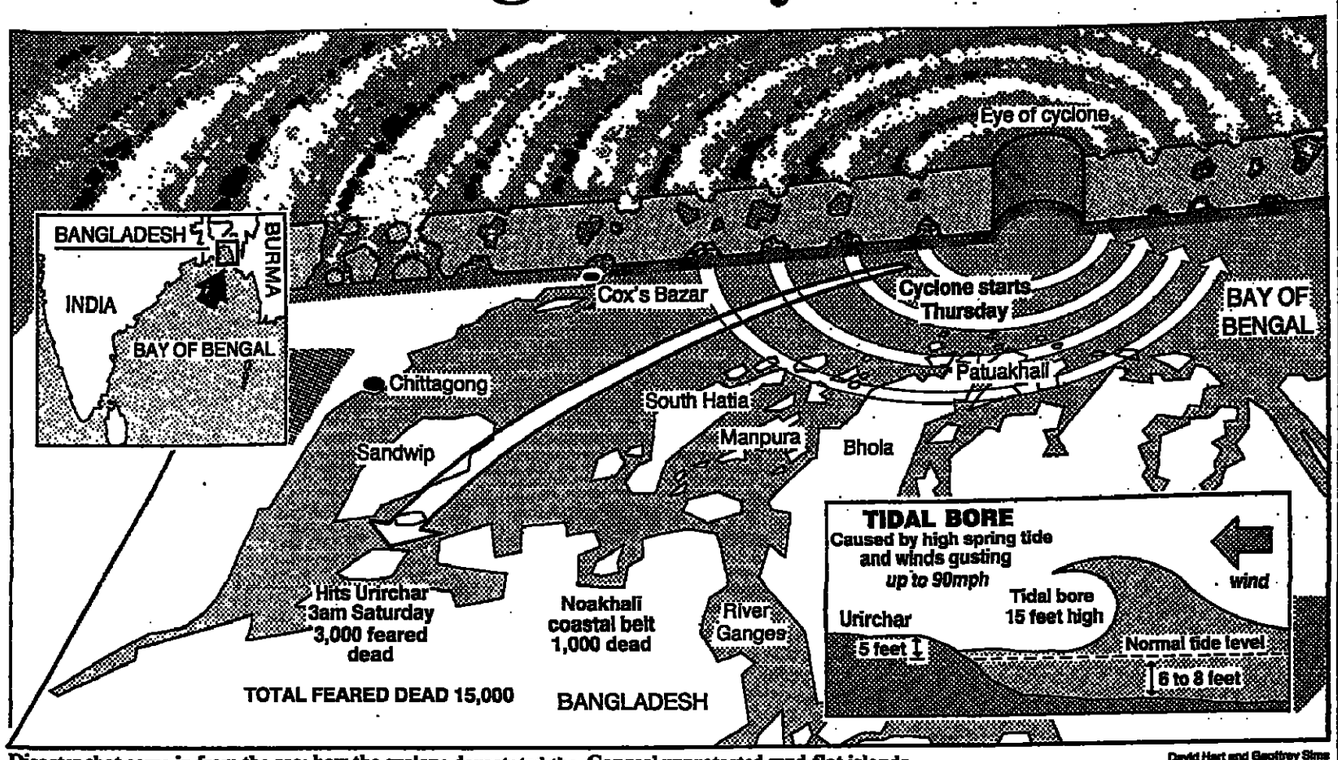
"We survived and sailed for our project base at Char Gazaria, to find out what damage had been done. We saw many bodies floating off Sandwip, but it was not until the ship got to Urirchar that we realized most of its population of 10,000 were missing and all its 500,000 livestock had been washed away.

"The island stood just 5ft above sea level. It was no more than a mudflat. Now there is nothing. But people had been forced to live there, because their land to the north of Sandwip is being eroded by the sea.

"They were desperate people, who had to eke out a living. No-one really knows how many people were on the island, like many others in the area, and very few care. They are so poor."

Mr Jenkins said: "It will be a long time before anyone goes back to those small islands." His own home has been badly damaged and two of his colleagues in Char Gazaria survived. But three are still missing.

War on Want set up pilot schemes to develop agriculture on the islands after the last disaster, in 1970, when a cyclone killed 200,000 people. Its director, Mr George Galloway, fears most of its work has been destroyed.



Disaster that came in from the sea: how the cyclone devastated the Ganges' unprotected mud-flat islands. David Hart and Geoffrey Sims

New rules to speed handling of refugees

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time, people have not been sent back."

Mr Brittan said the Home Office would look at each case. "Anyone who can establish they are a refugee under the international convention, of course would have a right to stay. I don't think there will be very many of those", he said.

At least 400 Tamils arrived in Britain over the Bank holiday weekend alone. So far none of the recent arrivals have been sent back to Sri Lanka, where there was a "horrifying picture of communal violence" according to Mr Corbyn, who has visited the Jaffna area of Sri Lanka where many of the worst attacks on the Tamil minority have been reported.

"The imposition of the 24-hour rule came out quite by accident on Friday evening", said Mr Nellist. "There was no notification of MPs, and the plan was not mentioned in a Commons debate on immigration controls on the previous day. It will be extremely difficult for MPs to do their job with six to eight cases in one day, as may well happen."

The Government's action was defended yesterday by Mr David Waddington, Minister of State at the Home Office. "We are determined not to find ourselves in breach of the international convention on refugees. But 1,000 Tamils have arrived in this country since the beginning of the month. We have granted temporary admission to all those who have somewhere to go, but we still have about 49 who are temporarily detained. We can't allow these people to remain in limbo", he said.

Individuals seeking permission to stay in Britain because they are fleeing from persecution can apply for refugee status, on grounds defined by an international convention. If they fail to make out a case on those grounds, they can claim that they would face severe hardship if they returned.

Mr Nellist said: "These people who are fleeing death or have lost family or friends in the pogrom over the last two years, if they are sent back they face detention at least, and possibly death."

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Devastated islands seek £40m

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General Emshad was asked about a figure of 40,000 deaths which the International Red Cross published in Geneva. He expressed surprise and said, ironically: "They must have their own sources, more efficient than ours."

While the relief operation gets under way, with six helicopter sorties to the worst affected areas and six naval ships, no further rescues have been made from the sea.

Meanwhile, in the north-east of the country, around Sylhet and on the banks of the Gumti river in Uttar Pradesh, another disaster is taking place

There, another 250,000 people have been moved to safety for fear of rivers bursting their banks, swollen by unusually heavy rains in the adjoining Indian state of Tripura.



Survivors of the tidal wave on Urirchar preparing to leave the devastated island and its dead animals.

American hospital chief kidnapped in Beirut

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usually when the gunmen found they were not Americans, who seem to be their main target.

None of Lebanon's armed factions claimed responsibility for kidnapping Mr Jacobsen, who was appointed director of the hospital, the biggest in Beirut, last December. The university's acting president, Dr Lafti Diab, said its officials were trying to contact militia leaders "to assist in having Mr Jacobsen freed". They believe he may have been mistaken for someone else.

The area where he was abducted is controlled by Druze and Shia militias.

Hospital staff said Shia Amal militia men last week dragged Palestinian guerrillas off operating tables and beat up others before taking them to interrogation centres. The Palestinian Wafa news agency claimed Mr Jacobsen's kidnapping could be linked with the incidents, but there was no way of confirming it.

Meanwhile, the fighting in Beirut's refugee camps in which the Palestinians were wounded, dragged on for the ninth day yesterday, with the toll mounting to nearly 390 killed and 1,750 wounded.

Palestinians trapped in Sabra camp recaptured an old folks' home, but Amal fighters and soldiers of the Lebanese army's overwhelmingly Shia Sixth Brigade pushed them out before sundown.

● LONDON: The BBC said it had withdrawn its correspondents from Lebanon after threats against staff (Reuter reports).

Television correspondent Keith Graves, radio reporter Gerald Butt, and freelance reporter Jim Muir left for Britain yesterday with a three-man technical crew.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh visit the Huguenot Tercentenary exhibition, Museum of London, 6; and attend a reception afterwards.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Festival Patron, visits exhibitions of the Festival of American Arts and Entertainments at the Museum of Mankind, Burlington Gardens, 10; The Crafts Council, Waterloo Place, SW1, 10.30; and later the Barbican Art Gallery, 11; he later presents the Young Electronics Designer Awards at Westminster School, Dean's Yard, SW1, 3.

The Prince and Princess of Wales attend a lunch given by the partners of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Company, 1 Puddle Dock, Blackfriars, 12.50; later the Prince of Wales, Honorary Fellow of Chelsea Physic Garden, attends a dinner at the Chelsea Physic Garden, Royal Hospital Rd, SW3, 7.50.

The Princess of Wales attends a gala concert to be given by Dame Kiri Te Kanawa and the English Chamber Orchestra, in aid of Westminster Childrens' Hospital, Banqueting House, Whitehall, 7.40.

Princess Anne opens the new Day Hospice and Education Centre at Strathcarron Hospice, Denny, Stirlinghsire, 11.30; and later visits the Glenfarg Group at Glenfarg Riding School, Perthshire, to open the new Viewing Gallery, 1.

Princess Alice, Duchess of Glouchester, opens Minister General Housing Association, Sutton Court, Werrington, 11.30.

The Duke of Gloucester opens the new office complex of Maldon District Council, 11.10; and opens the Clements Hall Sports Centre of Rochford District Council, Essex, 2.20.

The Duke of Kent opens Gateshead Borough Council's new Central Nurseries, 11.20; and later visits Joyce Loebl, Gateshead, 12.25' he then visits Tyne Tees Television Studios 1.30; as President, he attends the British Australia Bicentennial Banquet, Guildhall, 7.45.

Exhibitions in progress

British watercolours; National Museum of Wales, Main Building, Cathays Park, Cardiff; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2.30 to 5 (ends June 9).

Paintings from the Alba and Oceania series by John Walker; Fruitmarket Gallery, 29 Market St, Edinburgh; Mon to Sat 10 to 6, Sun 2 to 6 (ends June 2).

Paintings by Alfred Cohen and prints by Anthony Davies; Arts Council Gallery, Bedford St, Belfast; Tues to Sat 10 to 6 (ends June 1).

The Mursi of Ethiopia; The Manchester Museum, The University, Oxford St, Manchester; Mon to Sat 10 to 5 (ends Aug 17).

Last chance to see

New work by Peter Howson; Glasgow Print Studio Gallery, 128 Ingram St, Glasgow, 9.30 to 6.

Music

Concert by the William Jewell College Concert Choir; Coventry Cathedral, 1.

Organ recital by David Pearson; St Edmund's Church, Southwold, 8.15.

Concert by the UEA Student Symphony Orchestra and Chorus; St Andrew's Hall, Norwich, 7.30.

Concert by the Eastern Michigan University Madrigal Singers; St Peter's Church, Wootton Wawen, nr Stratford-upon-Avon, 7.30.

Concert by the London Virtuosi; St David's Cathedral, Dyfed, 8.

Piano recital by Andrew Ball; Martin Rogers Theatre, Malvern College, 7.30.

Bath Festival: Recital by Olaf Bar (baritone) and Geoffrey Parsons (piano), Guildhall Banqueting Room, 1; Recital by Arnaldo Cohen (piano), Suzanne Rosza (violin) and Martin Lovett (cello), Assembly Rooms, 7.30.

Talks, lectures

Matisse: breakthrough to an art of colour, by Gwen Massey; Laing Art Gallery, Higham Place, Newcastle upon Tyne, 12.30.

Inigo Jones, by John Newman; Room 26, Chancellor's Building, Keele University, Staffs, 8.

Bath Festival: The Chinese influence on Chippendale, by Dr Geoffrey Beard; Holburne Museum, Bath University, Great Pulteney St, 8.

General

Poetry reading by Roger McGough; Midlands Art Centre, Cannon Hill Park, Birmingham, 7.30.

Book Fair; Fisher Hall, Cambridge, 10 to 5.

New books – hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:
A Portrait of Sheridan, by Stanley Ayling (Constable, £9.95)
Byron and Greek Love, by Louis Crompton (Faber, £17.50)
Catullus and His World, A Reappraisal, BY T.P. Wiseman (Cambridge, £9.50)
Herself Defined, The Poet H.D. and her World, by Barbara Guest (Collins, £15)
More Amazing Timest, chosen by Stephen Winkworth (Allen & Unwin, £7.95)
Shakespeare and Others, by S. Schoenbaum (Scolar, £25)
The Apprenticeship of Beatrice Webb, by Deborah Epstein Nord (Macmillan, £25)
The Compleat Cricketer, by Jonathan Rice (Blandford, £6.95)
The National Trust Book of the English House, by Clive Aslet and Alan Powers (Viking, £10.95)
Wittgenstein, by A.J. Ayer (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £14.95) PH

Roads

London and South-east: M1: Northbound traffic restricted to hard shoulder and nearside lane at junction 8 (Hemel Hempstead); northbound entry slip closed at junction 8. A320: Resurfacing and delays an Egley Rd and Chertsey Rd, Woking. A296/A282: Blue Star roundabout: Slip road to Dartford Tunnel approach closed; diversions; major construction work.

The Midlands: M1: Contraflow for two miles N of junction 16, Northampton. A49: Extensive roadworks on Ludlow bypass, (Ludlow/Shrewsbury road). M6: Contraflow between junction 3 (A444 Coventry) and 4 (M42 Birmingham E).

Wales and West: M5: contraflow on southbound carriageway between junctions 12 (Gloucester) and 14 (B4509 Thornbury); northbound exit at junction 13 closed. A31: Subway construction between Ferndown and Ringwood, Dorset, at Tricketts Cross. A5: Single line traffic between Bangor and Betws-y-coed, Gwynedd (24 hours); temporary traffic lights S of Bethesda and at Capel Curig.

The North: A49: Major roadworks on Winwick St at the junction with Crown St, Warrington; diversions; delays to southbound drivers. A534: Major resurfacing work at Haslington, E of Crewe; temporary traffic lights in use; delays. A627: Ashton Rd closed to traffic approaching Oldham, Greater Manchester; diversion.

Scotland: M74: Outside lanes closed on both carriageways (24 hours) between junction 4 (A723 Hamilton) and junction 5 of the A725 turnoff. A90: Resurfacing on Forth Rd Bridge, Fife; only one lane each way with two lanes open at peak periods (southbound morning – northbound evenings); vehicles over 9ft 6in diverted via Kincardine Bridge; delays. A82: Road widening N of Letterfinlay; single line traffic control, between 8am and 8pm.

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The papers

The Daily Star, commenting on the Government's attitude to VAT on charities, says: "The massive VAT bills that face all the big charities each year are a manifest disgrace. But any discussion of the scandal with the Government appears to be a true conversation with the deaf." It adds: "Only the most mean minded would grudge a little bit less back in tax in return for a little bit more money reaching the areas of greatest need."

The Daily Express, commenting on the proposal to reduce the school-leaving age to 14 by the National Association of Head Teachers, says: "Any lowering of the school-leaving age would have to be preceded by careful planning." And adds: "Of course, it is possible that the urgings of the head teachers will be ignored or written off as "reactionary. That would be foolish. They may be right or wrong. But they have raised an important issue which should now be thoroughly debated."

Anniversaries

Births: Charles II, reigned 1660, 85, London, 1630; Isaac Albéniz, composer, Camprodón, Spain, 1860; G. K. Chesterton, London, 1874; John F. Kennedy, 35th president of US, 1961-63, Brookline, Massachusetts, 1917.

Deaths: Sir Humphry Davy, scientist, inventor of the miner's safety lamp, Geneva, 1829; Sir William S. Gilbert, Harrow Weald, Middlesex, 1911; John Barrymore, actor, Hollywood, 1942; Fanny Brice, comedienne, Los Angeles, 1951; Juan Jiménez, poet, Nobel laureate, 1956, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 1958.

Restoration of the monarchy under Charles II, 1660.

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Weather forecast

An anticyclone over S Britain will drift slowly N

6am to midnight

London, central S, SW, NW, central England, Midlands, Wales: Dry in most places with sunny periods; wind light and variable; max temp 20C (68F).

SE England, East Anglia, Channel Islands: Dry in most places with sunny periods; wind NE moderate; max temp 18C (64F).

E, NE England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, Northern Ireland: Dry in most places with sunny periods; wind light and variable; max temp 17C (63F).

NE, NW Scotland, Orkney: Sunny intervals, isolated showers; wind SW light or moderate; max temp 16C (61F).

Shetland: Sunny intervals, isolated showers; wind SW moderate; max temp 14C (57F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Mainly dry with sunny periods; temperatures near normal but cooler in some SE areas; night frost in a few places.

SEA PASSAGES: S. North Sea: Winds N or NE light or moderate; fair; visibility good; sea slight. Straits of Dover, English Channel: Winds NE moderate locally fresh; fair; visibility good; sea slight, locally moderate. St George's Channel: Winds mainly NE light; fair; visibility good; sea smooth. Irish Sea: Winds SW light or moderate; fair; visibility good; sea slight.

Sun rises: 4.52 am Sun sets: 9.05 pm
Moon sets: 2.55 am Moon rises: 2.50 pm
Full Moon: June 3.

Lighting-up time

London 9.35 pm to 4.21 am
Bristol 9.44 pm to 4.31 am
Edinburgh 10.13 pm to 4.07 am
Manchester 9.54 pm to 4.19 am
Penzance 9.50 pm to 4.49 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F
Belfast	f	13	55	Guernsey	s	12	54
Birmingham	f	14	57	Inverness	f	10	50
Blackpool	s	11	52	Jersey	s	13	55
Bristol	f	14	57	London	f	18	64
Cardiff	f	14	57	Manchester	f	13	55
Edinburgh	f	13	55	Newcastle	s	13	55
Glasgow	f	13	55	Ronaldsway	s	11	52

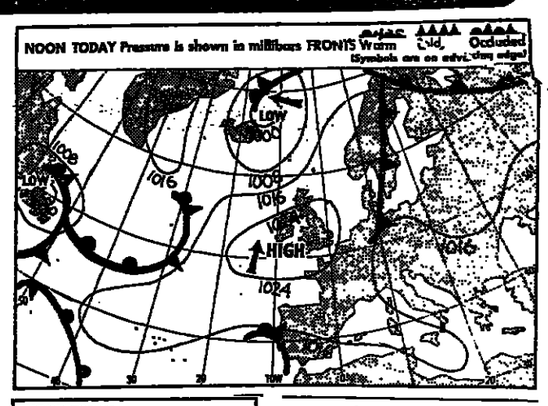
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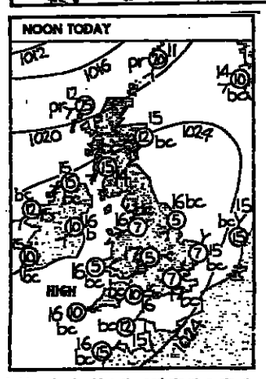
Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 20C (68F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 12C (54F). Humidity: 6 pm, 40 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.04in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 6.8hr. Bar: mean sea level, 6 pm, 1021.9 millibars

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: London 20C (68F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath 9C (48F); highest rainfall: Lerwick, Wick 0.69in; highest sunshine: Isles of Scilly 14.2hr.

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b-blue sky; bc-blue sky and cloud; c-cloudy; o-overcast; f-fog; d-drizzle; h-hail; m-mist; r-rain; s-snow; th-thunderstorm; p-showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. temperatures centigrade.

High tides

TODAY

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	9.56	5.1	10.17	5.9
Aberdeen	9.33	3.6	10.01	3.5
Avonmouth	2.48	10.8	3.34	10.8
Belfast	7.08	3.2	8.00	2.9
Cardiff	2.33	10.1	3.19	10.1
Devonport	1.04	4.7	1.59	4.5
Dover	7.22	5.5	7.49	5.8
Falmouth	12.34	4.5	1.29	4.3
Glasgow	8.26	4.0	9.56	3.9
Harwich	6.03	3.6	6.24	3.4
Holyhead	8.33	4.7	7.22	4.7
Hull	2.26	6.1	2.35	6.1
Ilfracombe	1.49	7.4	2.34	7.4
Leith	10.54	4.7	11.34	4.8
Liverpool	7.19	7.9	8.04	8.0
Lowestoft	5.58	2.1	5.27	2.1
Margate	9.16	4.1	8.33	4.1
Milford Haven	2.07	5.7	2.48	5.6
Newquay	1.07	5.8	1.49	5.7
Oban	2.06	3.2	3.04	3.0
Penzance	12.24	4.7	1.15	4.5
Portland	2.16	1.5	3.29	1.5
Portsmouth	7.24	3.9	8.12	4.2
Shoreham	7.17	5.0	8.01	5.4
Southampton	7.08	3.8	7.55	4.0
Swansea	2.12	7.7	2.57	7.8
Tees			12.02	4.5
Walton-on-Naze	7.57	3.8	8.16	3.5

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.280ft.

Around Britain

	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
EAST COAST					
Scarboro	11.2	.05	17	63	sunny
Bridlington	12.2	.06	16	61	sunny
Cromer					
Lowestoft	8.8	–	16	61	sunny
Clacton	11.3	.01	17	63	sunny
Margate	–	–	17	63	sunny
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	8.7	–	19	66	bright
Hastings	8.9	–	16	61	sunny
Eastbourne	9.1	–	17	63	sunny
Brighton	10.7	–	15	59	sunny
Worthing	12.0	–	18	64	sunny
Littlehampton	12.6	–	19	66	sunny
Bognor R	13.4	–	17	63	sunny
Southsea	13.4	.02	18	64	sunny
Sandown	13.0	–	17	63	sunny
Shanklin	12.3	–	18	61	sunny
Ryde	12.3	–	18	64	sunny
Ilfracombe	11.8	.07	13	55	sunny
Tenby	11.9	–	14	57	sunny
Colwyn Bay	9.1	.06	15	59	sunny
Southport	12.0	.14	13	55	sunny
Morecambe	11.4	.15	13	55	sunny
Douglas	11.8	–	12	54	sunny
ENGLAND AND WALES					
London (Cnt)	8.8	.04	20	68	sunny
S'hrne (Airpt)	9.2	–	17	63	sunny
Bristol (Cnt)	12.3	.07	16	61	sunny
Cardiff (Cnt)	12.5	.21	14	57	sunny
Anglesey	12.0	.04	12	54	sunny
B'pool (Airpt)	11.8	.09	12	54	sunny
Manchester	11.1	.40	16	61	sunny
Nottingham	9.9	.02	17	63	sunny
N'cas-n-Tyne	12.1	.11	14	57	sunny
Carlisle	11.8	.11	14	57	sunny
SCOTLAND					
Edinburgh	9.1	.03	12	54	showers
Prestwick	10.8	.02	15	59	sunny
Glasgow	10.6	–	14	57	sunny
Tiree	13.1	.03	13	55	showers
Stornoway	8.8	.10	12	54	hail am
Lerwick	6.6	.54	10	50	rain
Wick	2.3	.33	14	57	hail
Kinloss	2.9	.43	14	57	showers
Aberdeen	6.2	.47	15	59	rain am
St. Andrews	8.0	.13	15	59	showers
Edinburgh	10.4	–	15	59	sunny
NORTHERN IRELAND					
Belfast	10.8	.01	15	59	showers am

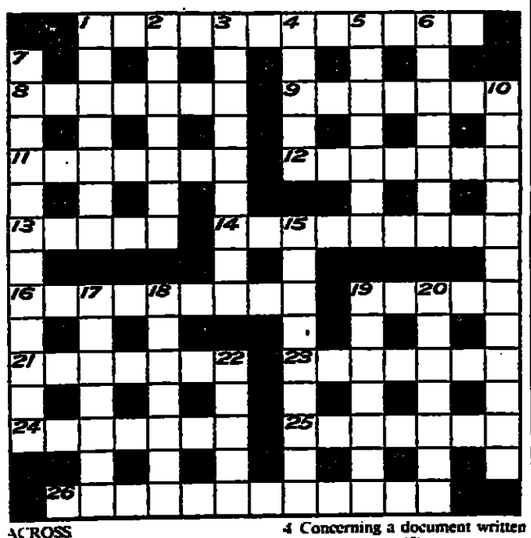
Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

	C	F		C	F		C	F		C	F
Alaccio	c	21	70	Cologne	c	16	64	Majorca	f	28	73	Rome	s	25	77
Alcudi	f	24	75	Copenhagen	f	23	73	Malaga	f	30	86	Salzburg	s	25	77
Alexandria		–	–	Corfu	s	26	79	Malta	s	30	86	San Pedro*	s	25	77
Algiers	f	22	72	Dublin	f	13	55	Melbourne	s	27	81	S Francisco*	c	13	55
Amsterdam	f	17	63	Dubrovnik	s	26	79	Mexico C*	s	19	66	Santiago*	s	13	55
Athens	f	28	79	Faro	s	28	82	Miami	f	28	82	Seoul	s	29	84
Bahrain	s	35	95	Florence	s	28	82	Milan	f	28	82	Singapore	s	32	90
Barbados*	f	29	84	Frankfurt	c	20	68	Montreal*	s	27	81	Stockholm	s	25	77
Barcelona	s	21	70	Funchal	c	20	68	Moscow	f	14	57	Strasbourg	s	26	79
Beirut		–	–	Geneva	f	18	64	Munich	s	25	77	Sydney	s	18	61
Belgrade	f	28	84	Gibraltar	c	24	75	Nairobi	s	21	70	Tangier	s	20	68
Berlin	s	27	81	Helsinki	s	21	70	Naples	s	27	81	Tel Aviv	s	28	82
Bermuda*	f	25	77	Hong Kong	s	28	82	New Delhi	s	40	104	Tenerife		–	–
Biarritz	c	17	63	Innsbruck	c	21	70	New York*	s	30	86	Tokyo	f	28	82
Bologna	f	33	95	Istanbul	f	21	70	Nice	s	27	81	Toronto*	f	16	61
Bordeaux	f	20	68	Jakarta	s	34	93	Oslo	s	21	70	Tunis	s	28	82
Brussels	f	19	66	Jo'burg		–	–	Paris	s	21	70	Valencia	f	23	73
Budapest	f	28	79	Karachi*	s	37	99	Peking	f	21	70	Vancouver*	c	14	57
Buen Aires		–	–	Las Palmas	s	24	75	Perth	f	18	64	Venice	s	25	77
Cairo		–	–	Lisbon	f	19	66	Prague	d	14	57	Vienna	s	28	82
Cape Tn	f	18	64	Locarno	f	22	72	Reykjavik	s	24	75	Warsaw	s	25	77
Gibraltar	s	21	70	L Angeles*	c	17	63	Rhodes	c	8	46	Washington*	s	29	84
Chicago*	f	11	55	Luxembg	c	16	61	Riyadh	s	34	93	Wellington*		–	–
Chrchurch*		–	–	Madrid	f	21	70	Rio de Jan*	s	40	104	Zurich	c	16	61

* denotes Monday's figures are latest available

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,749



ACROSS

1 Pencil-user in office got sharpener repaired (12).
8 Trick with a no-trump hand? (7).
9 A second speaker is one to test our metal (7).
11 No insignificant example of a child caught in falsehoods (7).
12 State grant for Do-it-yourself organized by junior officers (7).
13 Ayesha the Queen? That's very steep! (5).
14 Like John o'Groats' house-building plan (9).
16 A subsequent inclusion of degrees for a maker of statues (9).
19 Like Thalia's Mask – a kind of opera (5).
21 Passage shows bridge partners in characteristic environment (7).
23 Frightened about king showing marks of battle (7).
24 A bit of glitter from the heads of South Pacific fish (7).
25 Rum three-D analysis of this element (7).
26 Soldier in courtroom drama gives us a deja vu experience (6,6).

DOWN

1 Burlesque let loose in this alley (7).
2 Cardinal Morton was one such retired Thespian (7).
3 Pass mark (9).
4 Concerning a document written in many pages (5).
5 Letters received after game won (4-3).
6 Heavenly city's in a ruined state (7).
7 Cakeville siesta disturbed by the Bible preacher (12).
10 King's School providing exhibitions? (5,7).
15 One's admitted using this revolutionary device (9).
17 A Hindu hero with a command of language (7).
18 African weapon from a ship, say, approved by Lloyd's (7).
19 Some herrings – one gets a pound of heads (7).
20 How Ariel proposed to live under the blossoming bough (7).
22 Enter maker of wooden antiques (5).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,748

W	A	G	O	N	E	R	■	I	N	S	T	I	L	L
I	■	O	■	A	■	N	■	T	■	N	■	O	■	■
S	I	L	A	S	■	M	I	S	G	U	I	D	E	D
E	■	D	■	T	■	P	■	T	■	N	■	I	■	G
A	V	O	W	A	L	■	R	A	G	T	R	A	D	E
C	■	N	■	L	■	C	■	L	■	N	■	■	■	■
R	U	I	N	G	■	S	O	M	E	G	U	A	R	D
E	■	■	■	I	■	E	■	L	■	A	■	■	■	■
S	E	M	I	C	O	L	O	N	■	P	E	E	L	L
■	E	■	■	■	D	■	■	T	O	■	E	L	■	■
K	A	L	A	H	A	S	H	■	R	I	M	I	N	I
R	I	A	■	P	■	R	■	A	■	G	■	A	■	■
A	U	S	T	R	A	L	I	A	■	T	E	N	O	N
S	■	■	G	■	A	■	J	■	O	■	E	■	C	■
S	T	A	T	E	L	Y	■	A	R	R	I	D	G	E

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Roads

London and South-east: M1: Northbound traffic restricted to hard shoulder and nearside lane at junction 8 (Hemel Hempstead); northbound entry slip closed at junction 8. A320: Resurfacing and delays an Egley Rd and Chertsey Rd, Woking. A296/A282: Blue Star roundabout: Slip road to Dartford Tunnel approach closed; diversions; major construction work.

The Midlands: M1: Contraflow for two miles N of junction 16, Northampton. A49: Extensive roadworks on Ludlow bypass, (Ludlow/Shrewsbury road). M6: Contraflow between junction 3 (A444 Coventry) and 4 (M42 Birmingham E).

Wales and West: M5: contraflow on southbound carriageway between junctions 12 (Gloucester) and 14 (B4509 Thornbury); northbound exit at junction 13 closed. A31: Subway construction between Ferndown and Ringwood, Dorset, at Tricketts Cross. A5: Single line traffic between Bangor and Betws-y-coed, Gwynedd (24 hours); temporary traffic lights S of Bethesda and at Capel Curig.

The North: A49: Major roadworks on Winwick St at the junction with Crown St, Warrington; diversions; delays to southbound drivers. A534: Major resurfacing work at Haslington, E of Crewe; temporary traffic lights in use; delays. A627: Ashton Rd closed to traffic approaching Oldham, Greater Manchester; diversion.

Scotland: M74: Outside lanes closed on both carriageways (24 hours) between junction 4 (A723 Hamilton) and junction 5 of the A725 turnoff. A90: Resurfacing on Forth Rd Bridge, Fife; only one lane each way with two lanes open at peak periods (southbound morning – northbound evenings); vehicles over 9ft 6in diverted via Kincardine Bridge; delays. A82: Road widening N of Letterfinlay; single line traffic control, between 8am and 8pm.

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ENIGMA

This week's Enigma number is 14910

and today's clue is as follows:

2. A sequence of the three smallest different prime numbers plus a repcat of one of these numbers comprise the first four digits of the solution. The largest prime number in the solution comprises the last two digits of the solution.

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